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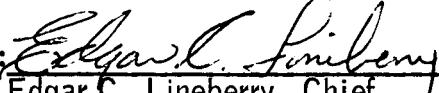
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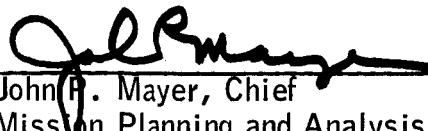
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LOGIC AND EQUATIONS FOR THE REAL-TIME COMPUTATION OF THE LUNAR MODULE

LAUNCH WINDOW AND RECOMMENDED LIFT-OFF TIME

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SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION

This Internal Note presents the logic and mathematics of the Lunar Launch Window Processor (LLWP). The enclosed functional and detailed flow charts define the processor for the AS-504 real-time computer systems. The LLWP computes the lunar module (LM) recommended time of lift-off from the lunar surface and the lunar launch window. The output will be used for mission planning prior to AS-504 and will be used in real-time to compute the Lunar Launch Window Display for the launch time planning.

LUNAR LAUNCH WINDOW PROCESSOR

The LLWP computes lift-off times as a function of the height difference (ΔH) in the coelliptic orbits phase of the lunar concentric rendezvous plan (ref. 1). The recommended LM time of lift-off from the lunar surface is that launch time during a given command and service modules (CSM) revolution for which the required ΔH is the nominal mission value. The lunar launch window is defined as the total interval of time in the CSM revolution during which the LM can lift-off and rendezvous with the CSM within the limits of maneuver- ΔV budgets, LM ascent stage power lifetime, and safe orbital altitudes.

The lift-off time computation involves simulation of the mission from LM launch through rendezvous. The lift-off time which satisfies phase convergence for the given coelliptic ΔH at terminal phase initiation is the required time. The LLWP output for each ΔH includes the lift-off time, maneuver times, and maneuver- ΔV values.

The LLWP times may be computed based on either LM or CSM execution of the rendezvous maneuvers. In either case, ΔH is positive when the maneuvering vehicle is below the target vehicle, and is negative otherwise. The positive ΔH values are limited by the minimum allowable pericynthion altitude. The negative ΔH values are limited by the rendezvous ΔV budgeted for the maneuvering vehicle; however, a theoretical limit exists above which the vehicle cannot acquire the target along the input elevation angle.

The launch window boundary times are computed for these ΔH maxima with terminal phase delayed in time to the limit of LM ascent stage power lifetime.

The LLWP logic is divided into three blocks. The main, or control, block is called the LLWM and calls for HMALIT and TILL. The HMALIT (Lunar Height Maneuver Iterator) block computes the lunar concentric rendezvous sequence to maneuver from the input CSI position into an orbit coelliptic to the target and with the input ΔH . The TILL (Time Iterator for Lunar Lighting) block computes the time of arrival of the target vehicle at an angle from the earth-moon line and is used to fix terminal phase initiation at a point with acceptable lighting conditions. Functional and detailed flow charts for LLWM, HMALIT, and TILL are presented in Appendices A, B, and C, respectively.

The processor uses the Lunar Satellite Analytic Ephemeris Generator (LSAEG of ref. 2) for vehicle ephemeris prediction. The symbols used for LSAEG are given in Appendix D. Several special purpose trajectory subroutines are called in addition to the LSAEG. These are COEDH, ENSERT (ref. 3); STAP, STLO (ref. 4); TIMA, TIMFA, THETR (ref 5); PERHAP (ref 6); and, the two-impulse maneuver routines (ref 7).

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FUNCTIONAL AND DETAILED FLOW CHARTS FOR LLWM

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SYMBOLS

Constant Input:

π	3.141592 . . .
μ	lunar gravitational potential
R_L	mean lunar radius
δ_θ	angular iteration tolerance
δ_H	height iteration tolerance
δ_T	time iteration tolerance
f_{nm}	international feet per nautical mile

Variable Input:

I_{BURN}	flag that controls at what time CSI is done $I_{BURN} = 0$, CSI is done 90° from insertion $I_{BURN} = 1$, CSI is done at an input elapsed time from insertion
I_{TPI}	flag that controls at what position TPI is done $I_{TPI} = 0$, TPI is done at an input angle away from the earth-moon line $I_{TPI} = 1$, TPI is done over an input longitude $I_{TPI} = 2$, TPI is at an input time

I_{SRCH}	flag that controls the search option for the absolute opening and closing of the launch window $I_{SRCH} = 0$, compute the launch window for only the input ΔH table $I_{SRCH} = 1$, compute the complete window
I_{OS}	flag that controls position for final maneuver $I_{OS} = 0$, compute final maneuver for a rendezvous solution $I_{OS} = 1$, compute final maneuver for an offset in height and phase
M	number of maneuvering vehicle M = 1, CSM is maneuvering vehicle M = 2, IM is maneuvering vehicle
P	number of non-maneuvering vehicle P = 1, CSM is non-maneuvering vehicle P = 2, IM is non-maneuvering vehicle
N_{CURV}	number of points used in the curve fit
$L_{\Delta H}$	number of entries in the ΔH table
t_{max}	maximum in-orbit lifetime of the IM ascent stage power systems
H_S	minimum safe height of an orbiting vehicle
$\Delta V_{MAX i}$ ($i=1,2$)	rendezvous ΔV budget for both vehicles

ΔH_i $(i=1, L_{\Delta H})$	input table of coelliptic altitude differences
θ_{BO}	powered flight arc of IM
H_{BO}	height of insertion of IM
t_{pf}	powered flight time of IM
V_{BO}	insertion velocity of IM
ϕ_{TPI}	angle from TPI to the earth-moon line
y_s	yaw steer capability of IM
Δt_B	time to travel from insertion to CSI
ΔH_{SRCH}	height difference to begin curve fit with
ΔH_{STEP}	height difference to increment curve fit with
ω_t	transfer angle for terminal phase
ϕ_{LA}	elevation angle to initiate terminal phase on
ΔH_{OFF}	offset height difference
$\Delta \theta_{OFF}$	phase angle offset
t_{hole}	threshold time to determine which launch window is obtained
t_{TPI}	time of TPI
$R_{LS}, \lambda_{LS}, \phi_{LS}$	radius, longitude and latitude of landing site

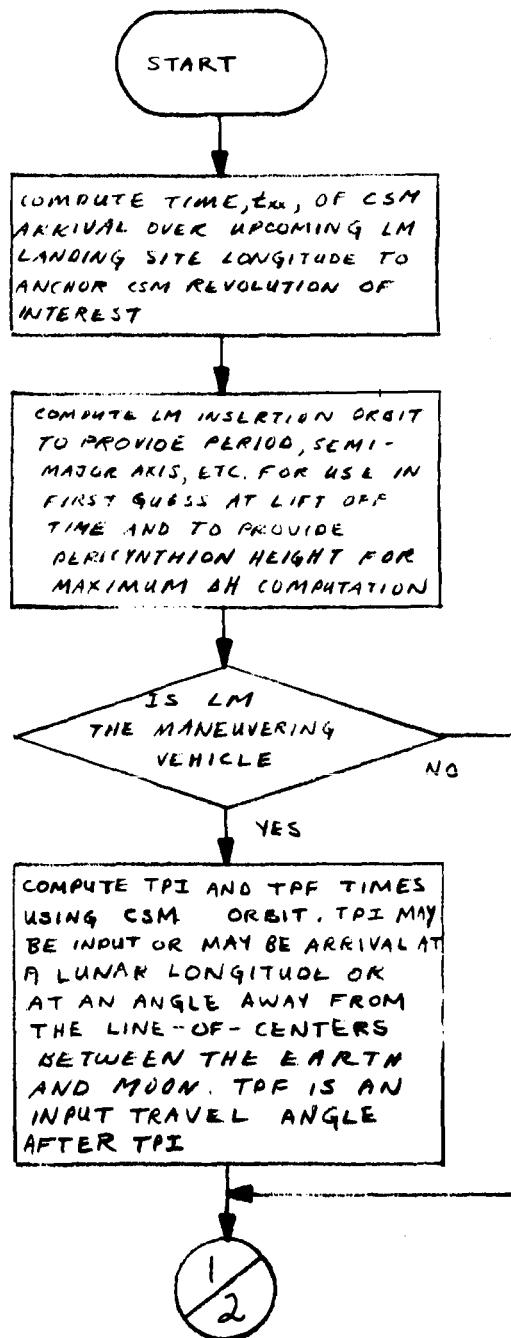
t_{ls}	time of landing site vector
$a_1, e_1, i_1,$ ϵ_1, h_1, l_1	CSM vector in classical coordinates
t_1	time of CSM vector
λ_{TPI}	longitude at which TPI is to be scheduled

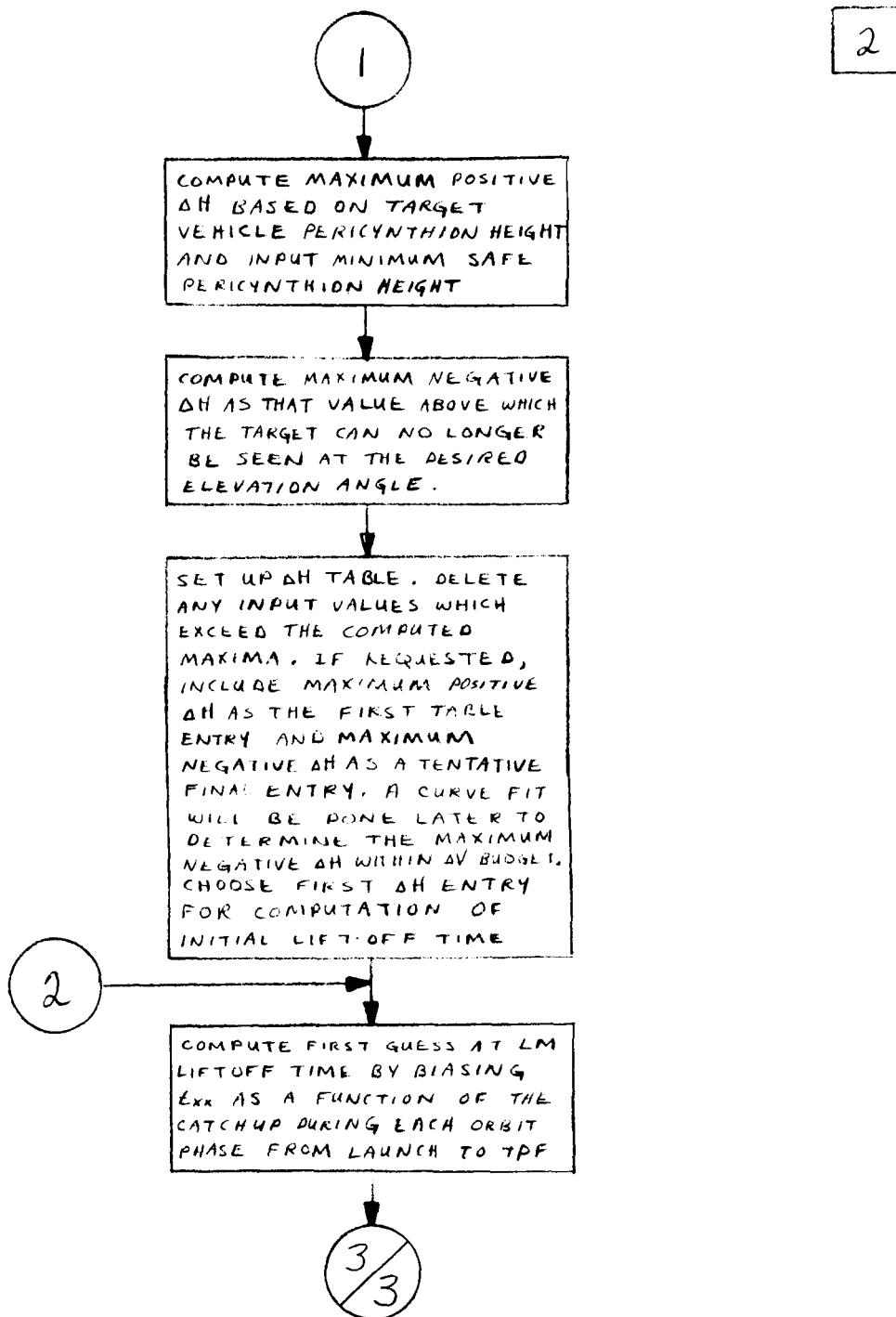
Output

$T_{LD\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{LOOP}$)	table of lift-off times
ΔH_i ($i = 1, I_{SELET}$)	table of coelliptic height differences
$T_{CSI\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{LOOP}$)	table of CSI times
$T_{CDH\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{LOOP}$)	table of CDH times
$T_{TPI\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{LOOP}$)	table of TPI times
$T_{TPF\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{LOOP}$)	table of TPF times
$DV_{CSI\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{SELET}$)	table of CSI maneuver costs
$DV_{CDH\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{SELET}$)	table of CDH maneuver costs
$DV_{TPI\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{SELET}$)	table of TPI maneuver costs
$DV_{TPF\ i}$ ($i = 1, I_{SELET}$)	table of TPF maneuver costs
$DV_T\ i$ ($i = 1, I_{SELET}$)	table of total maneuver costs in plan
N_i ($i = 1, I_{LOOP}$)	table of rendezvous orbit numbers

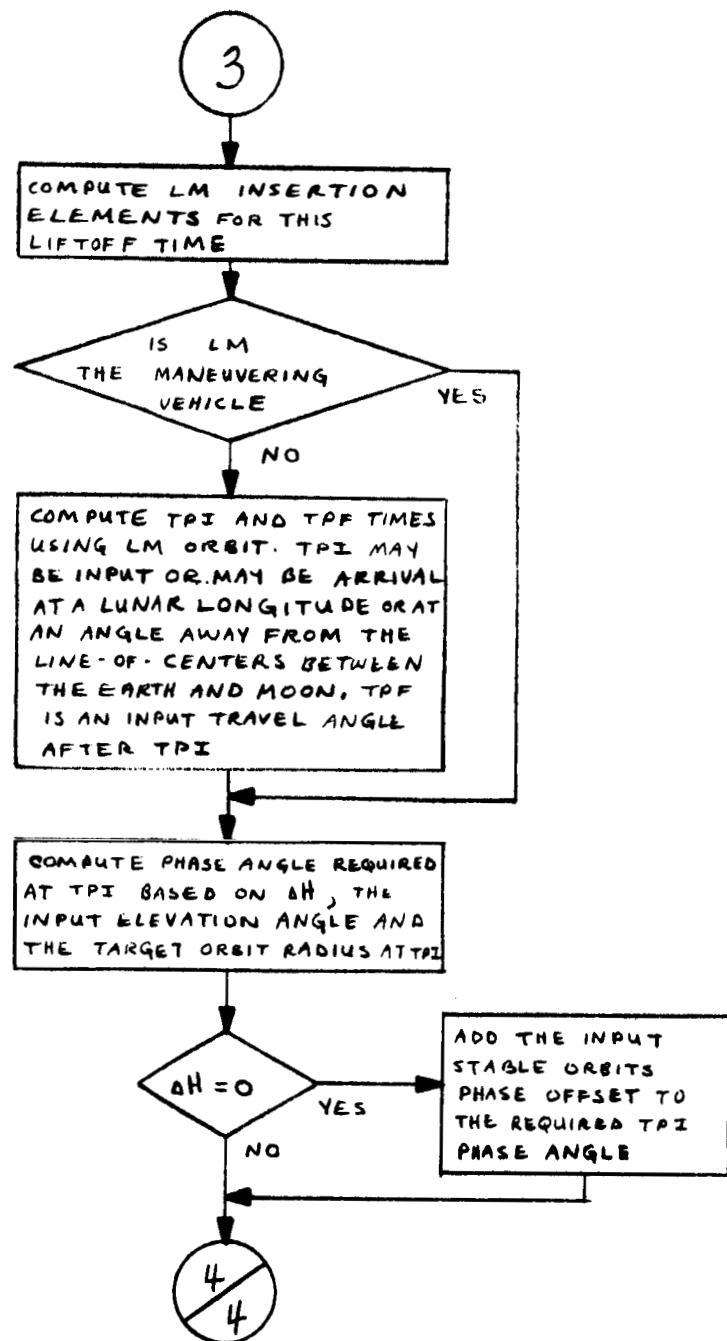
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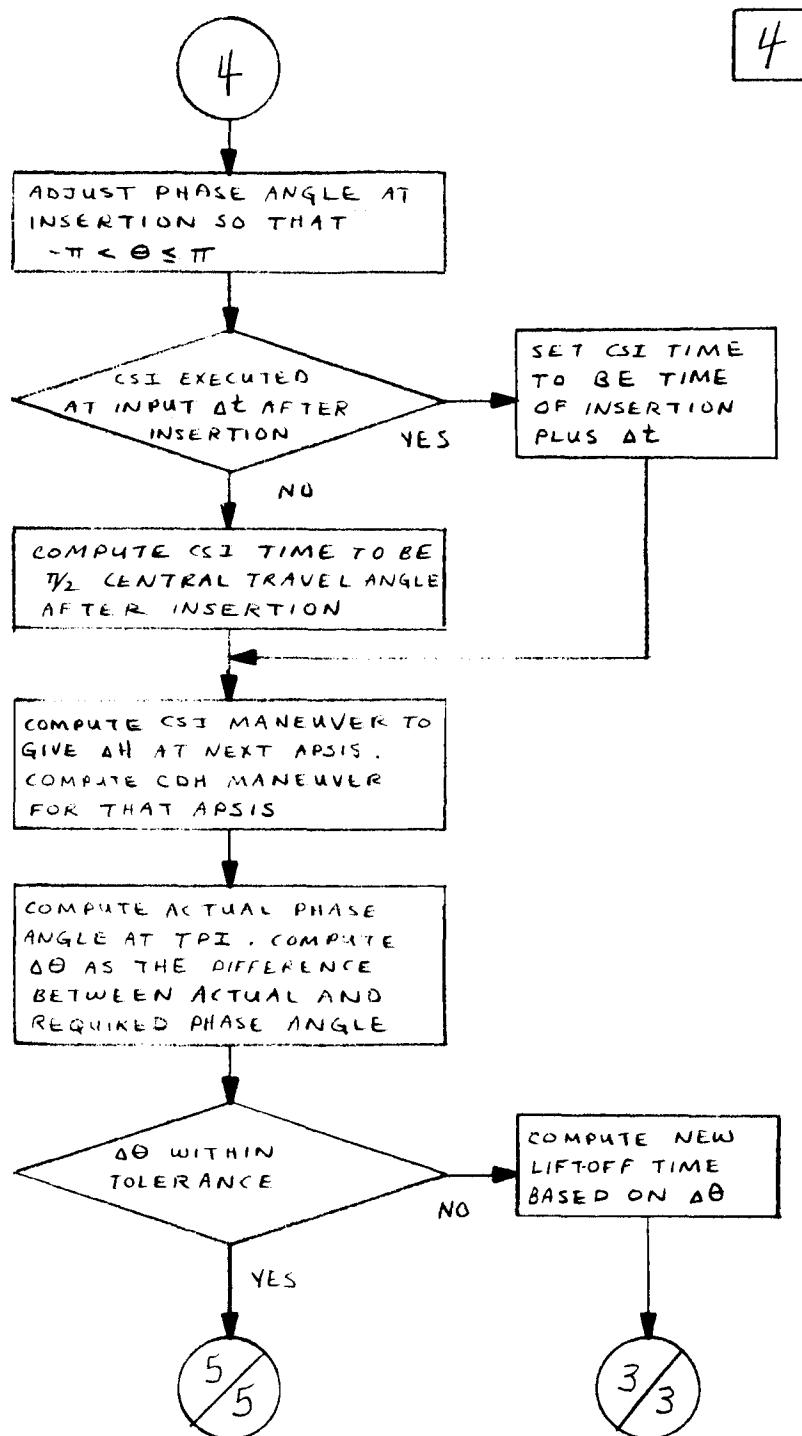
FUNCTIONAL LLWM FLOW CHART



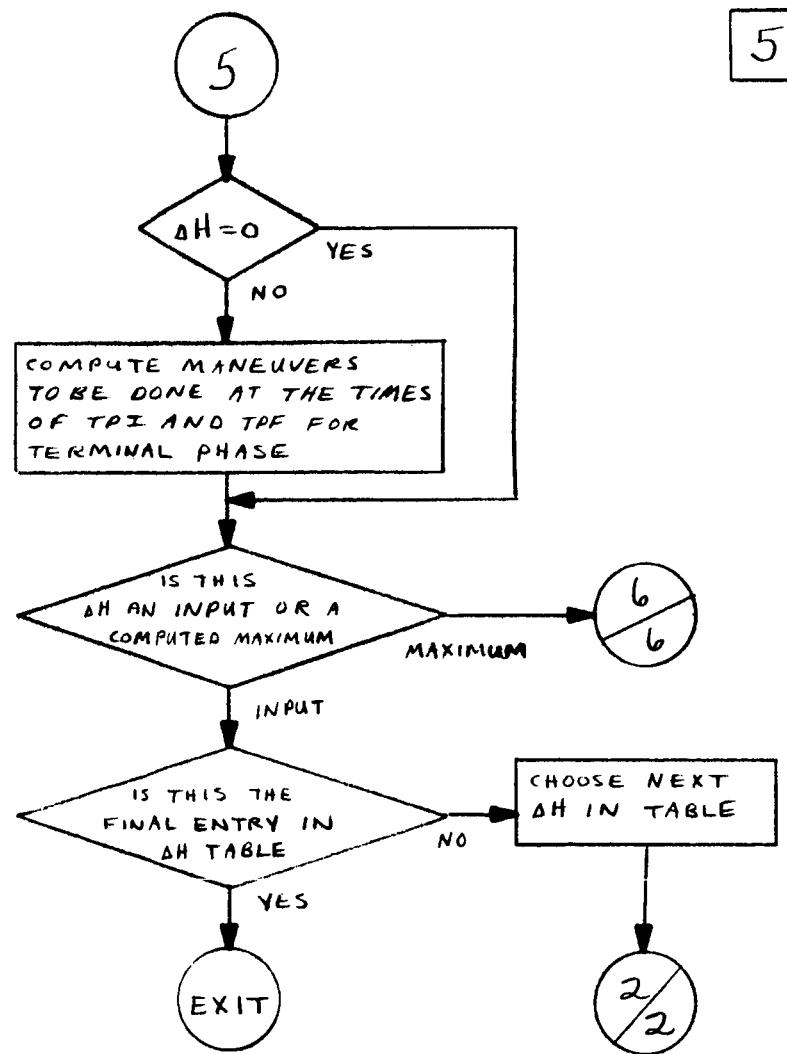


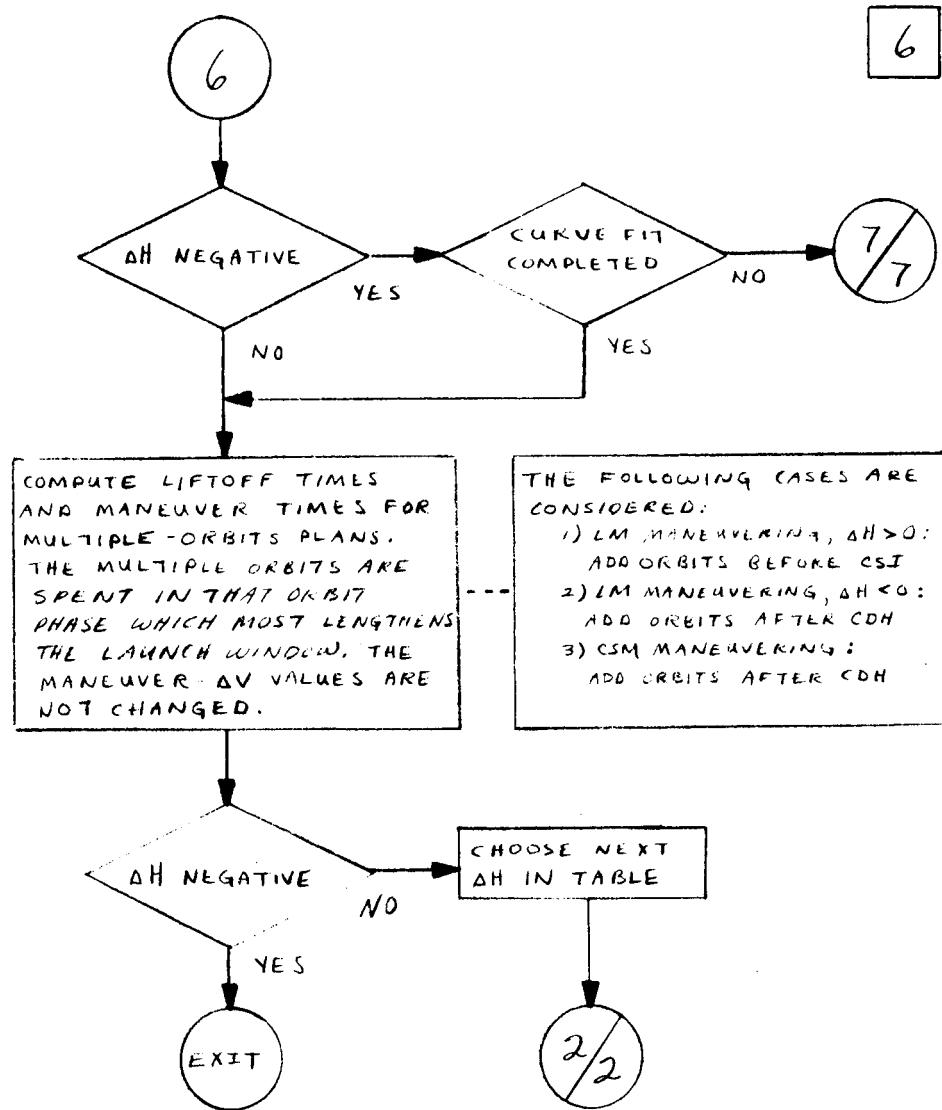
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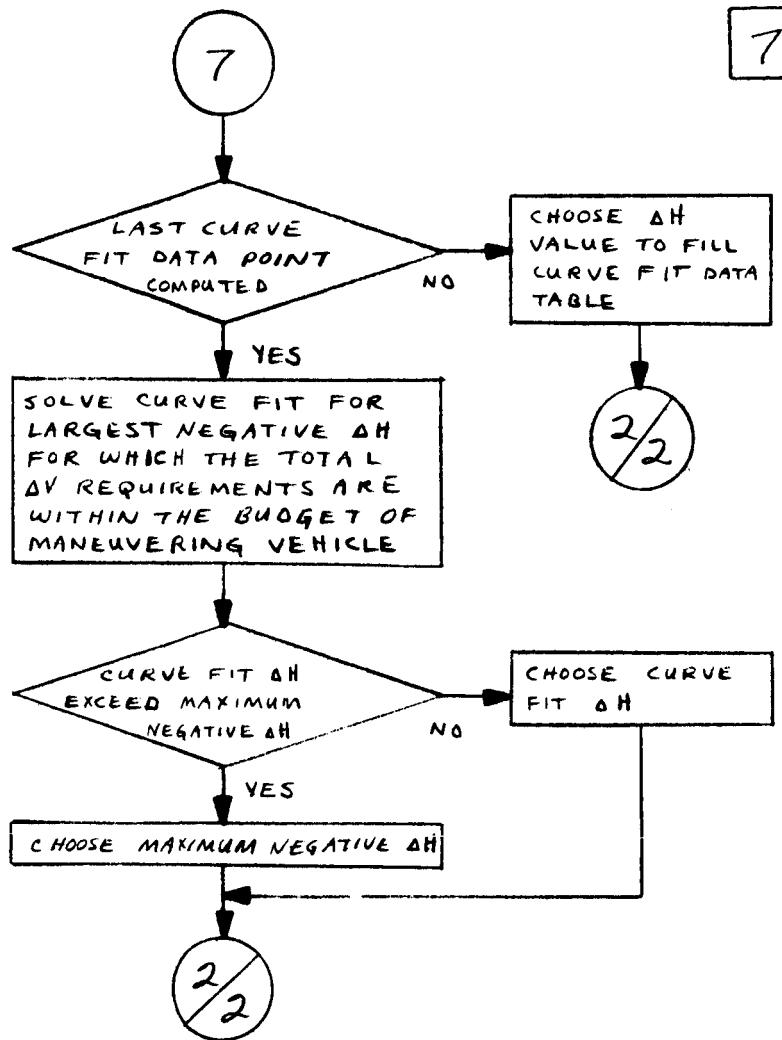




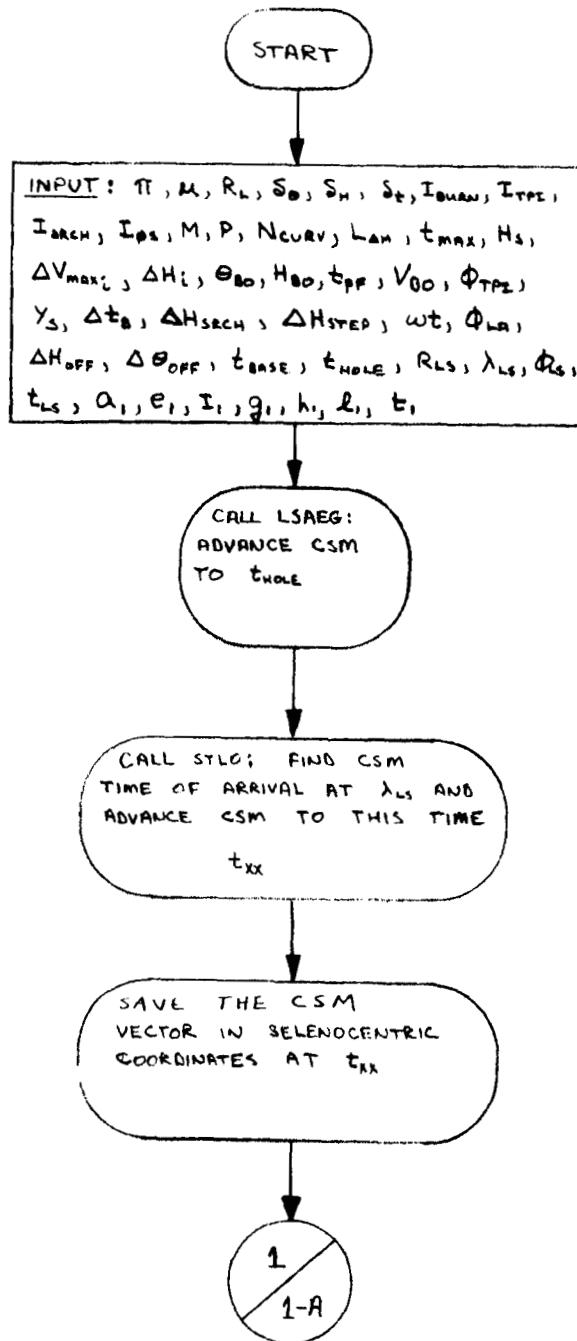
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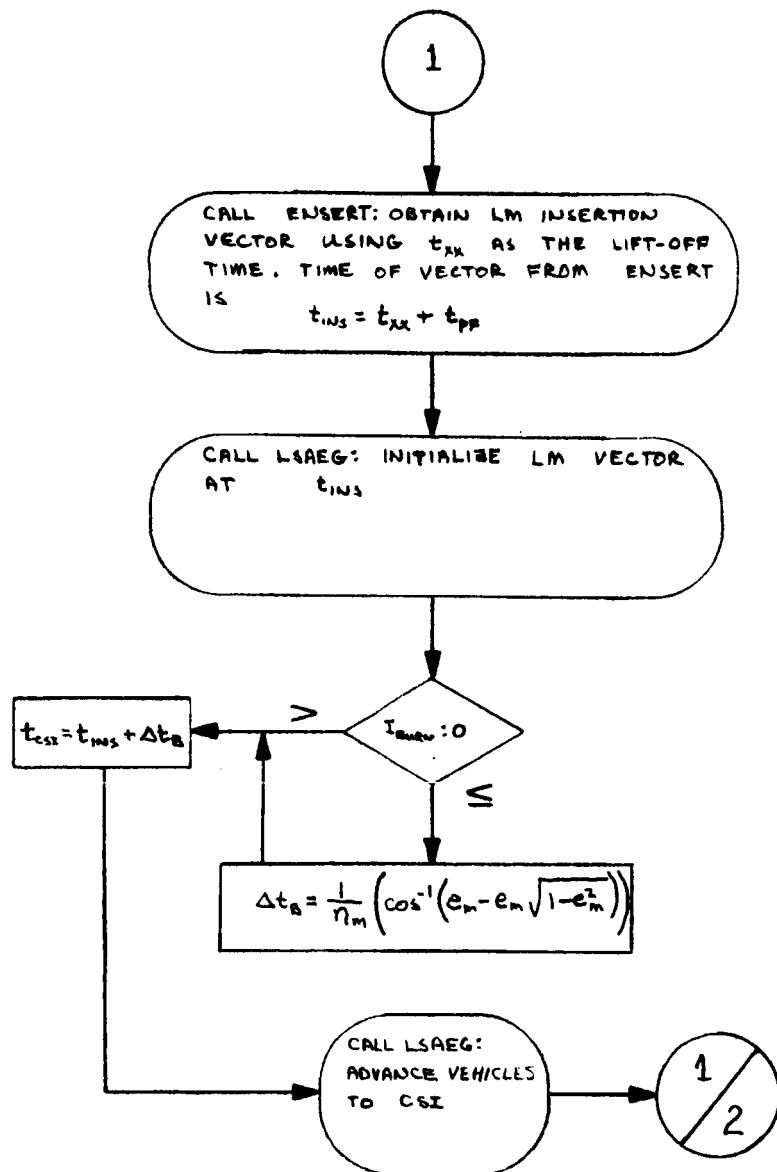




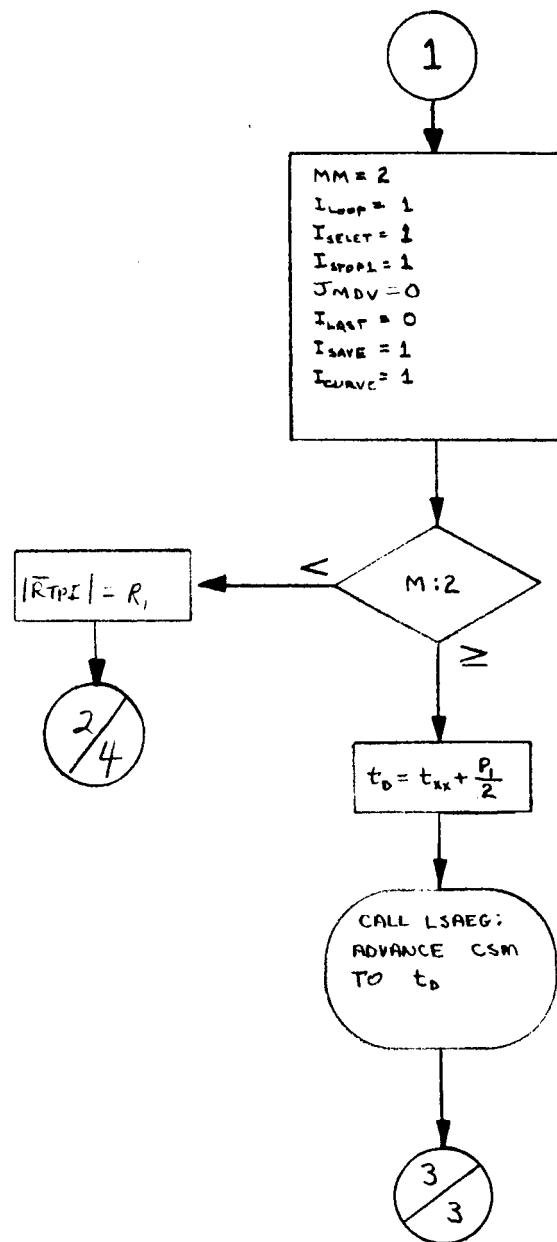
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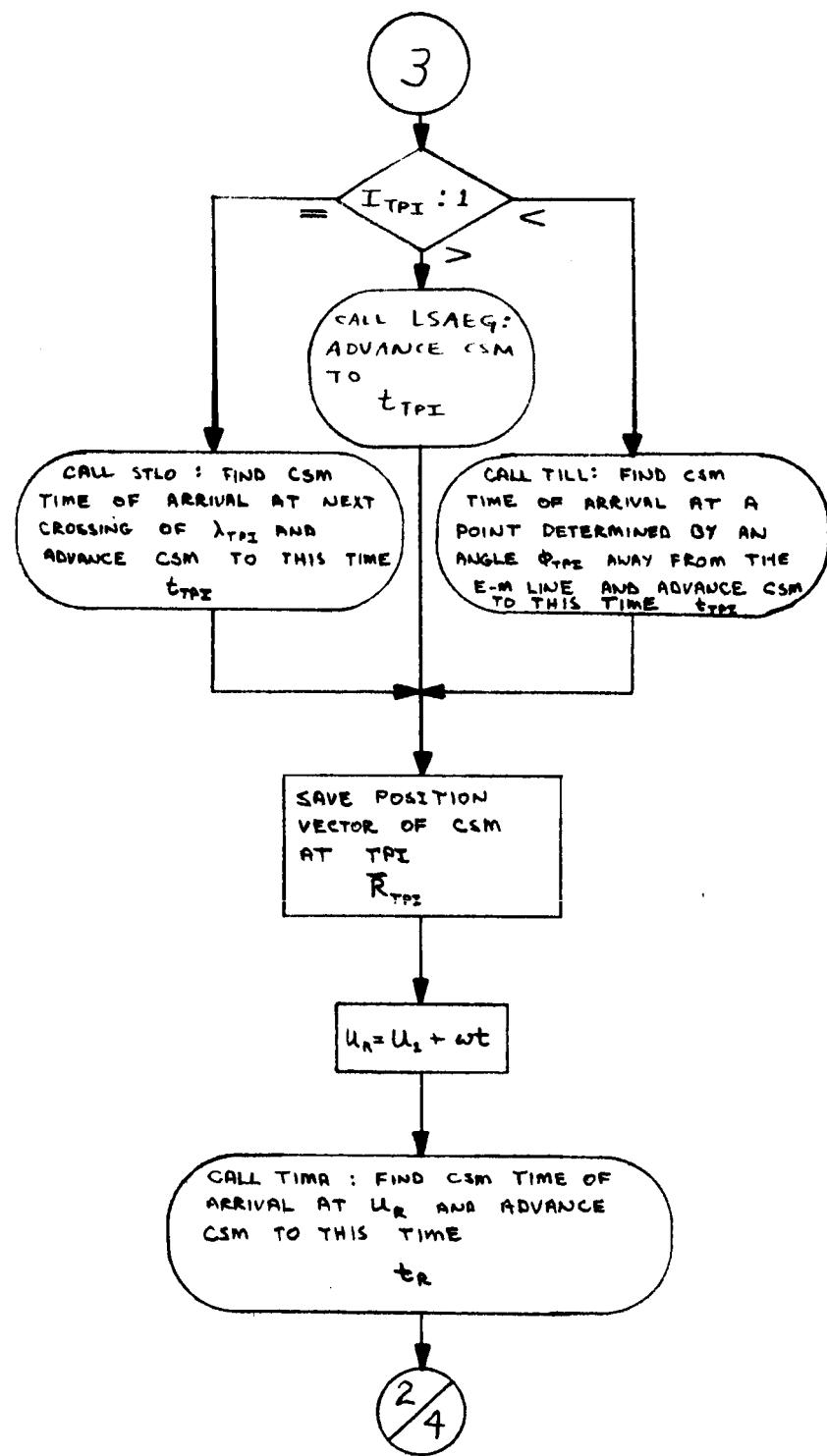
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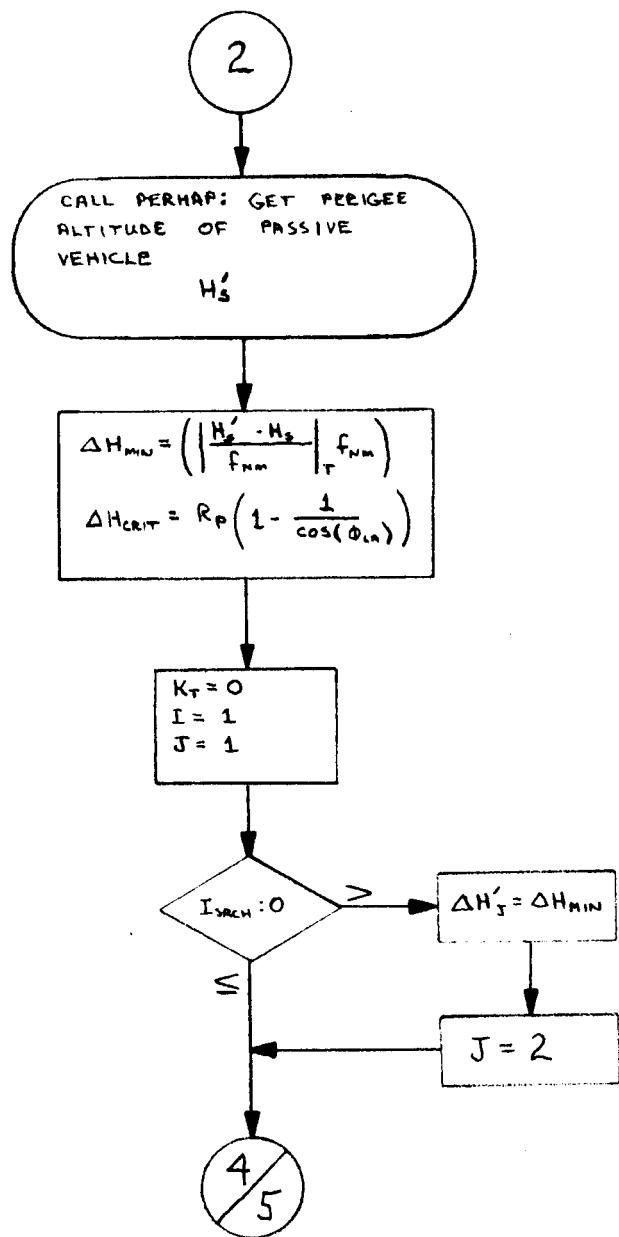
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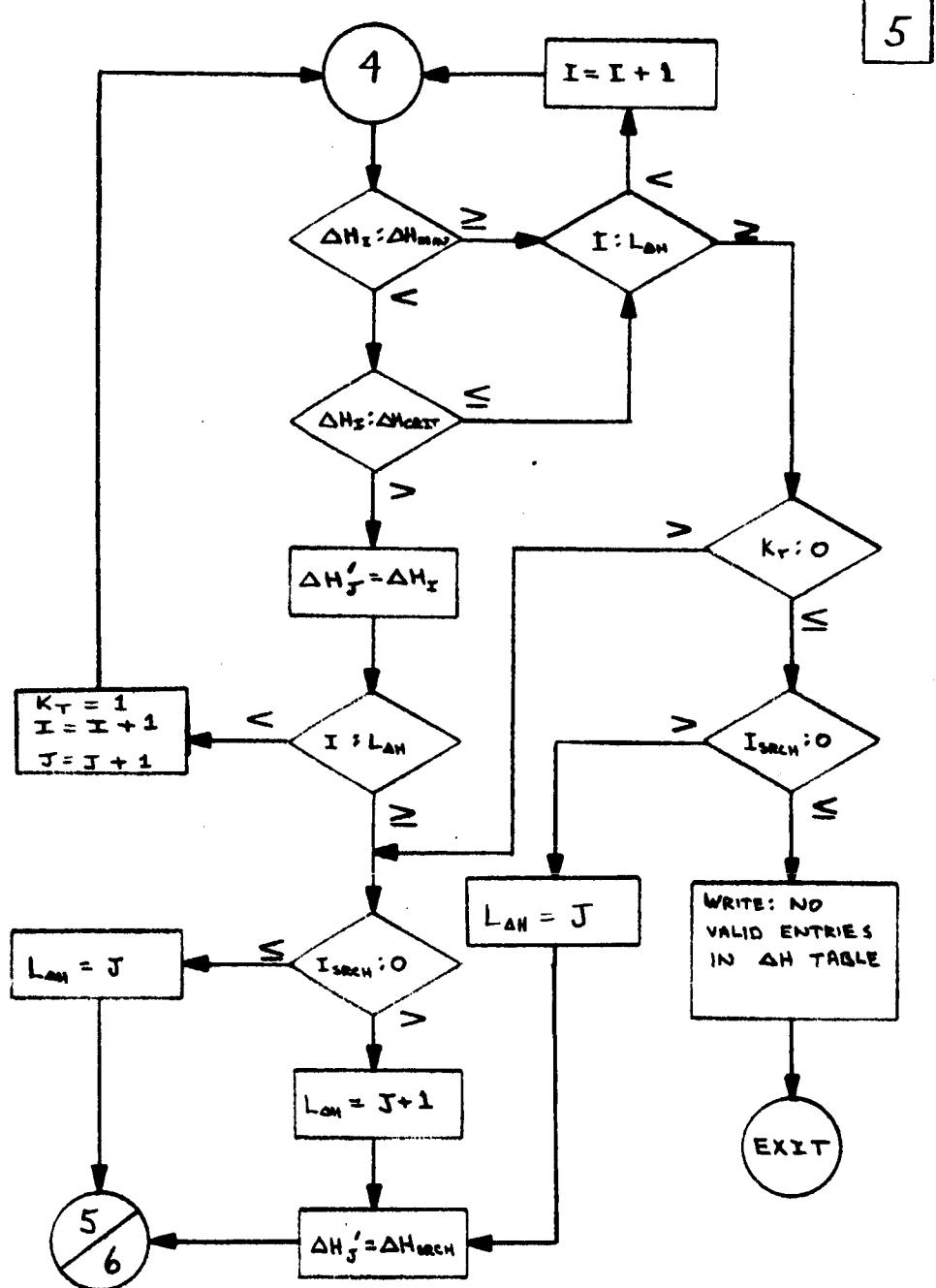


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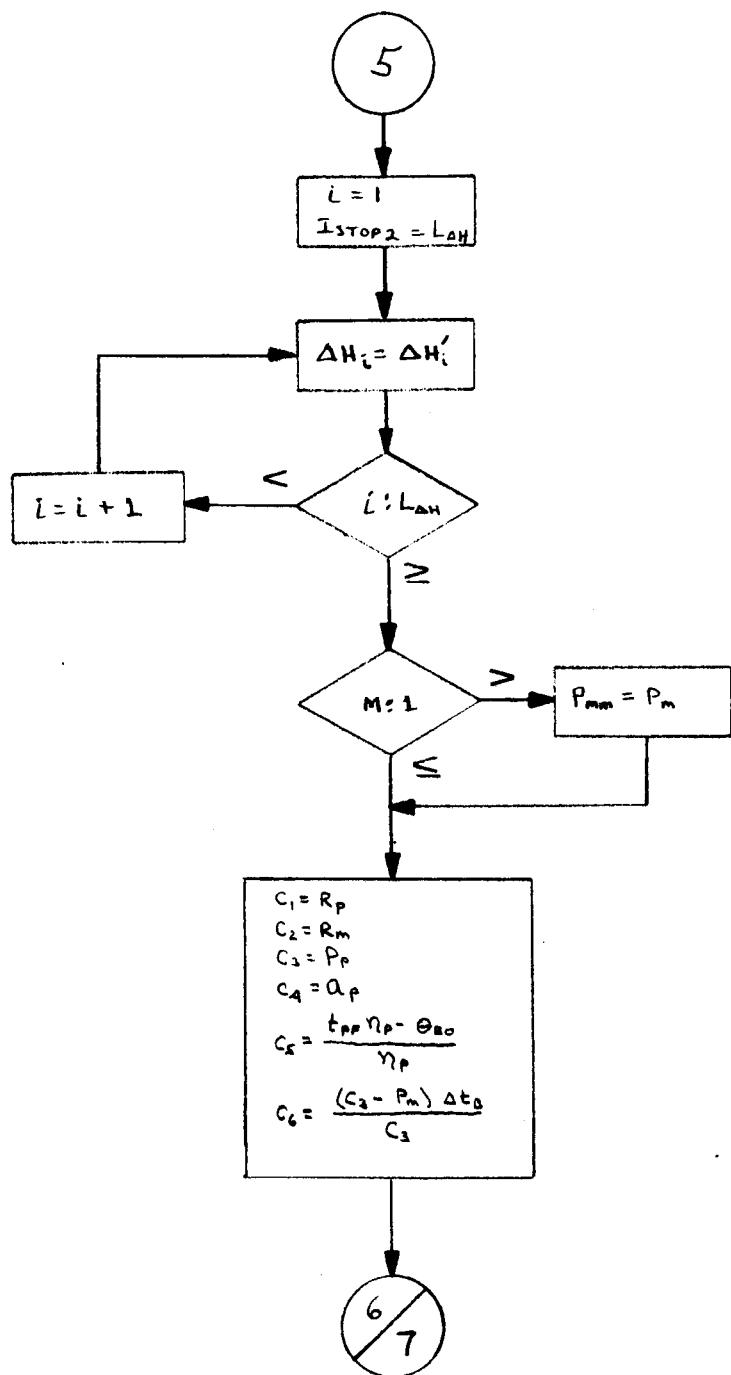


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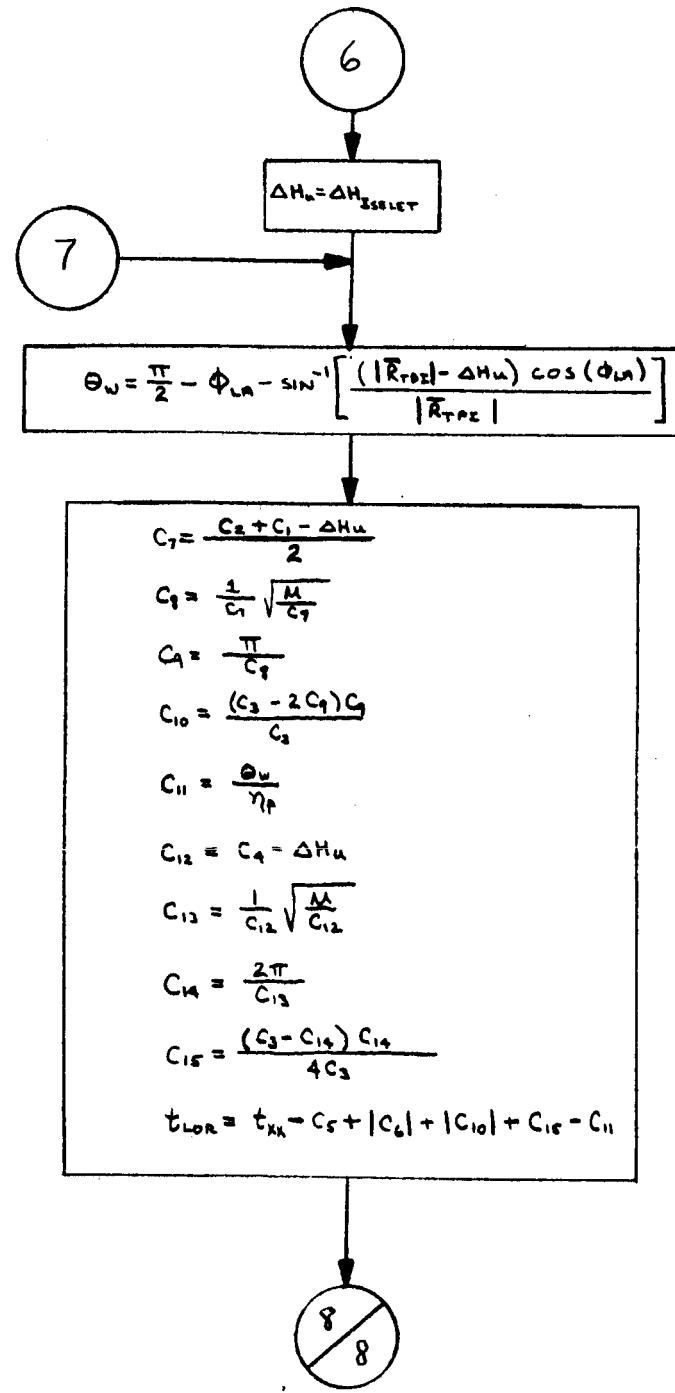


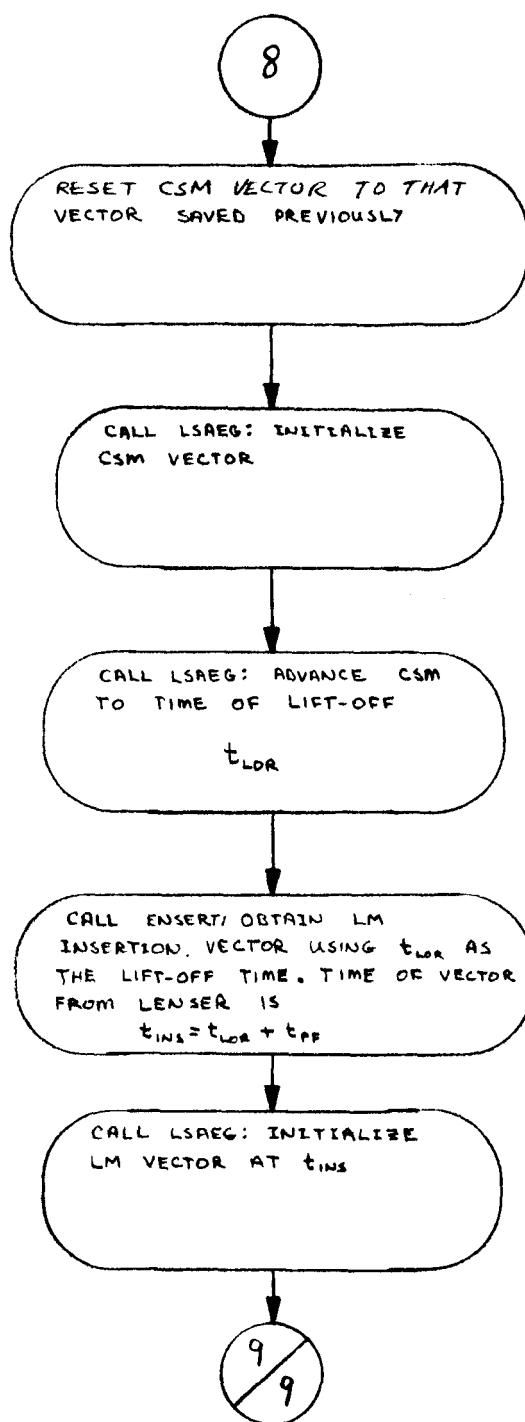


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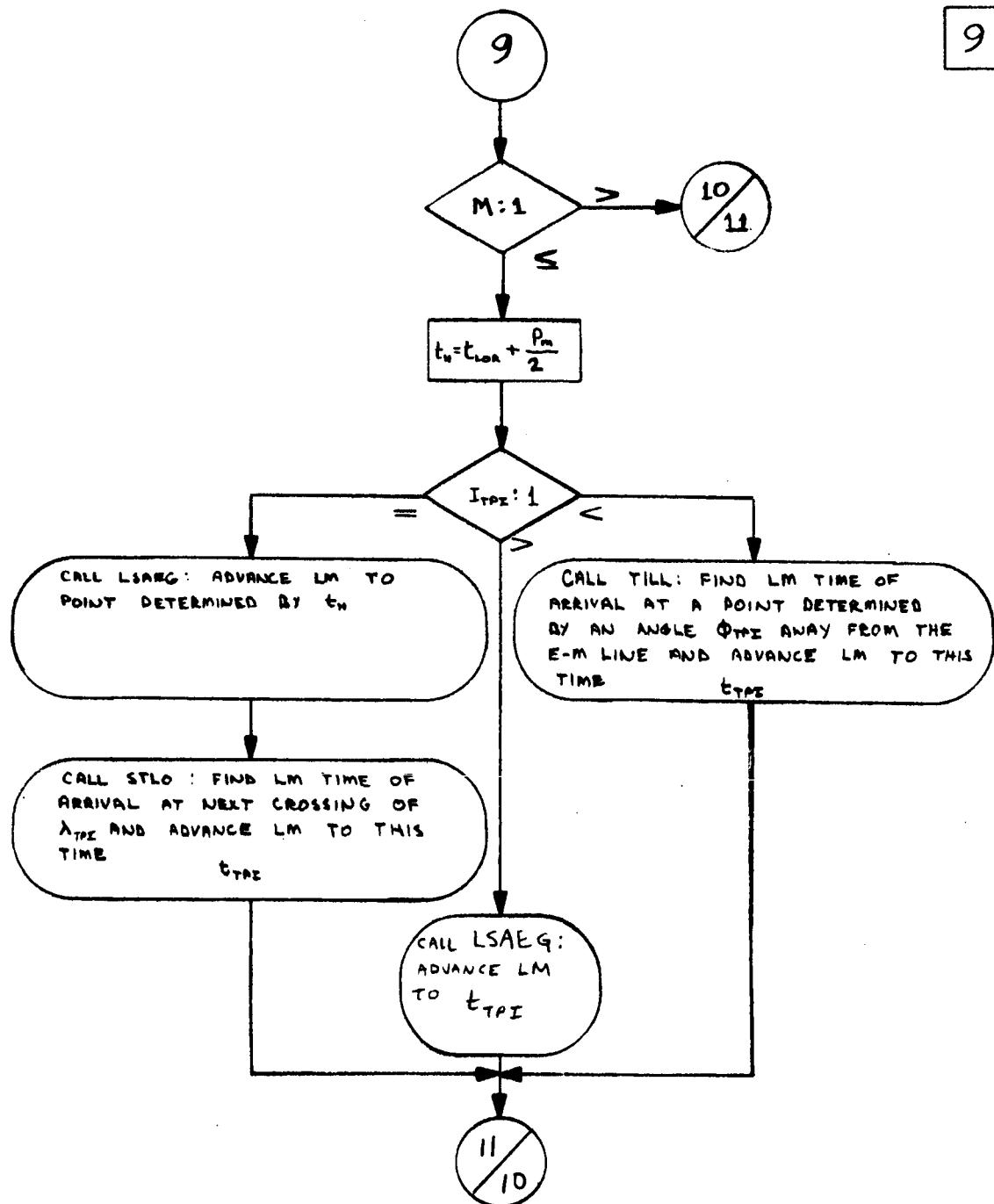


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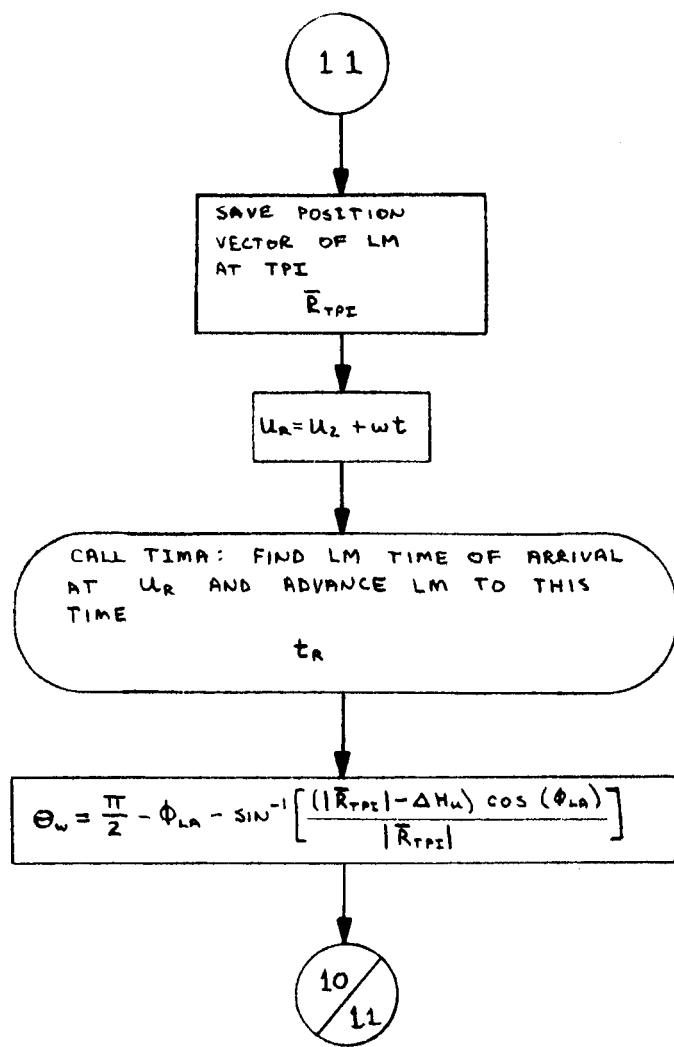


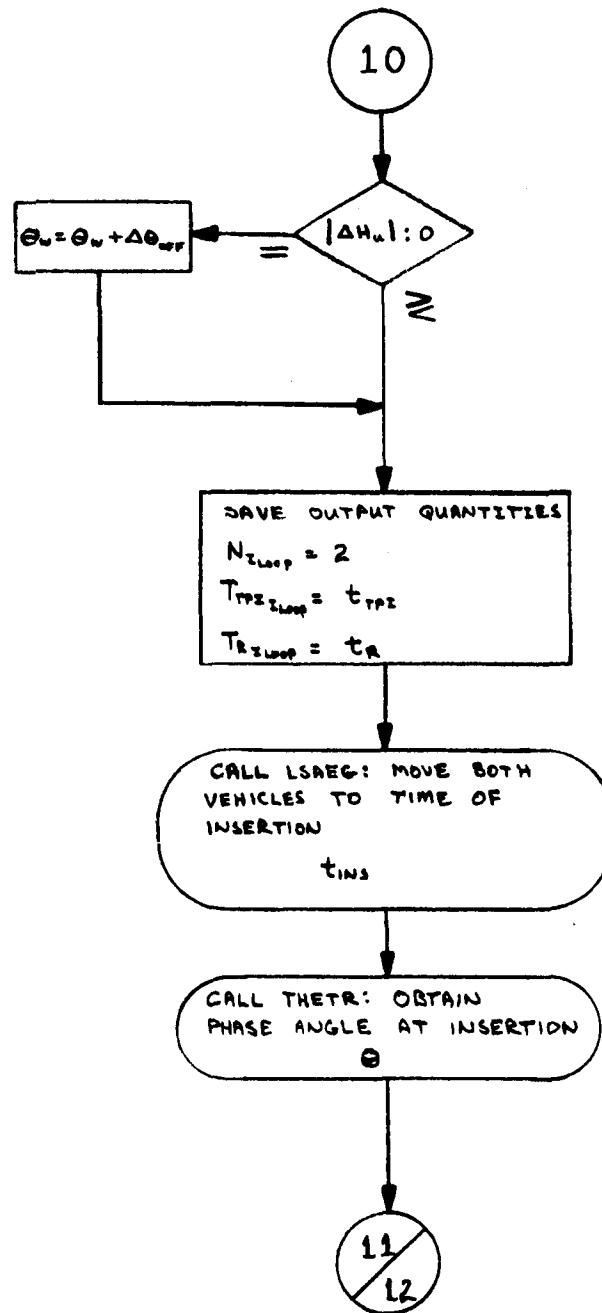


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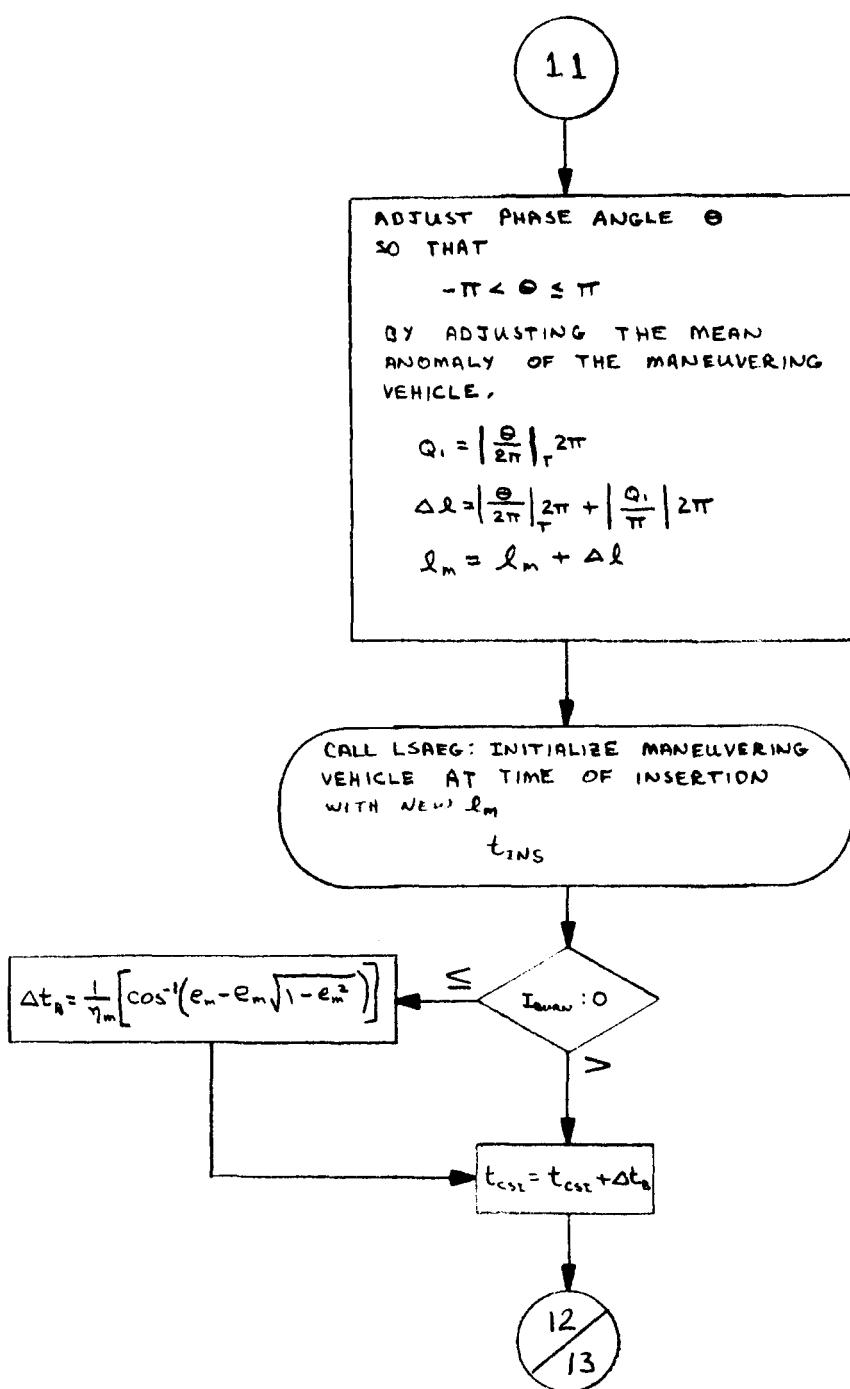


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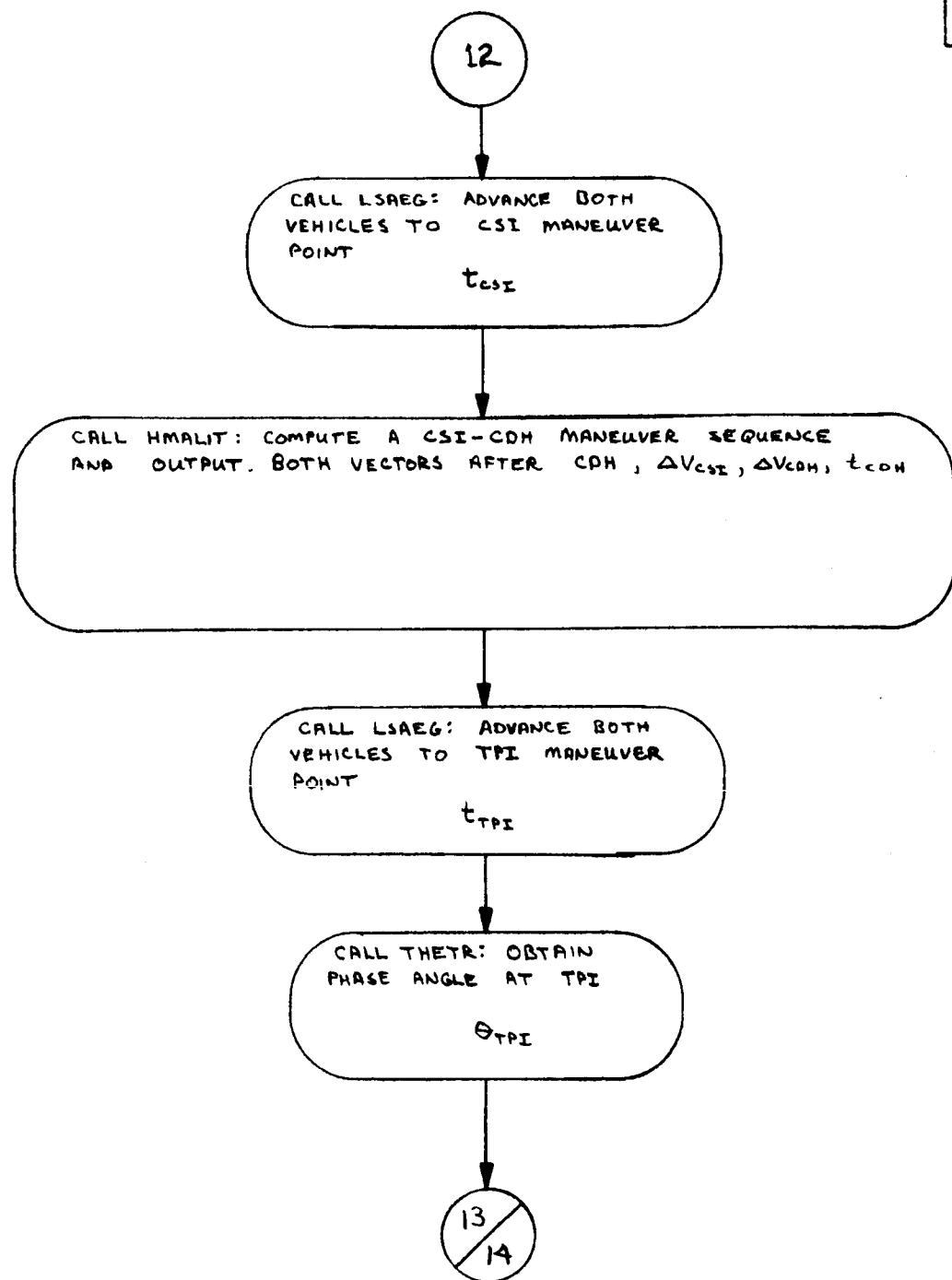


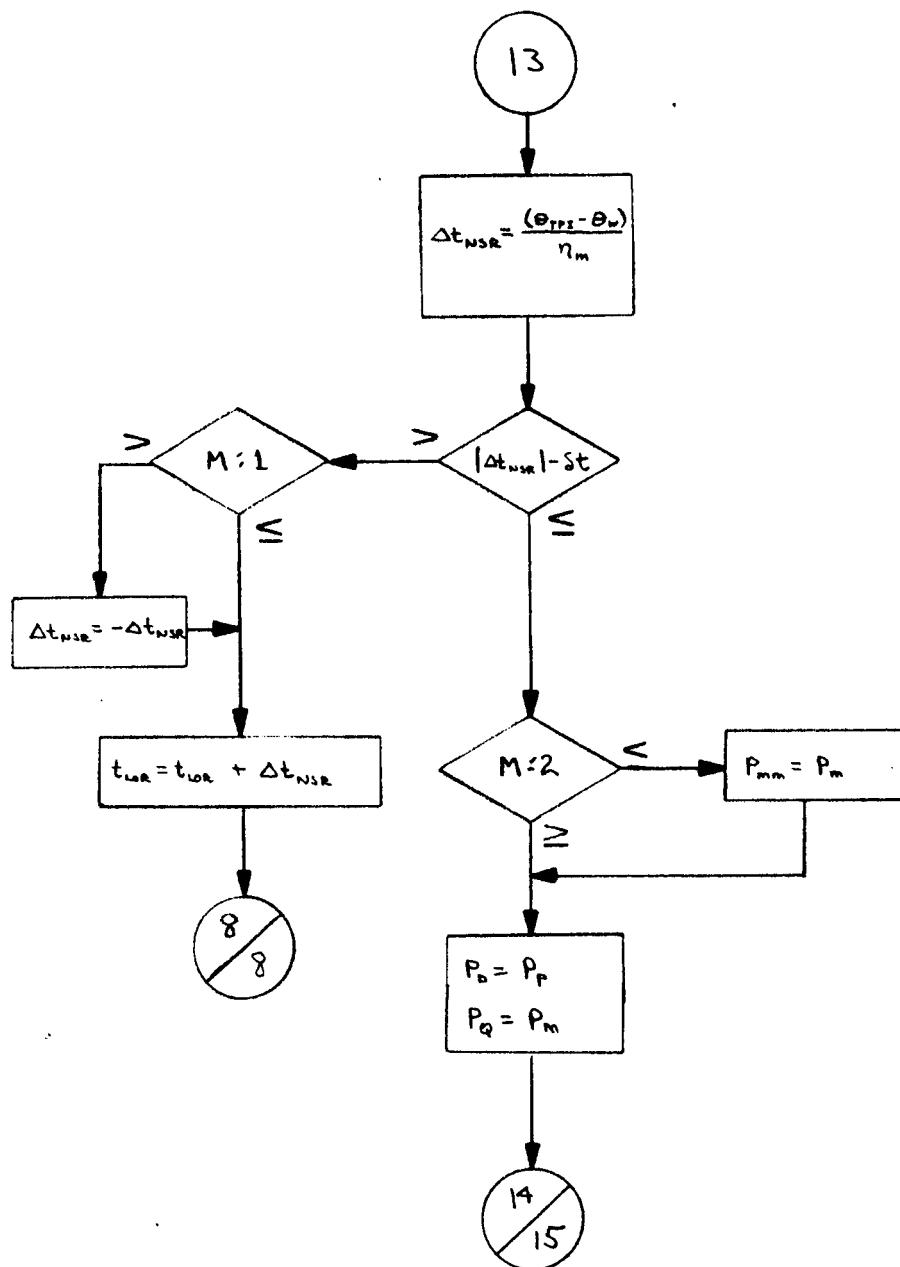


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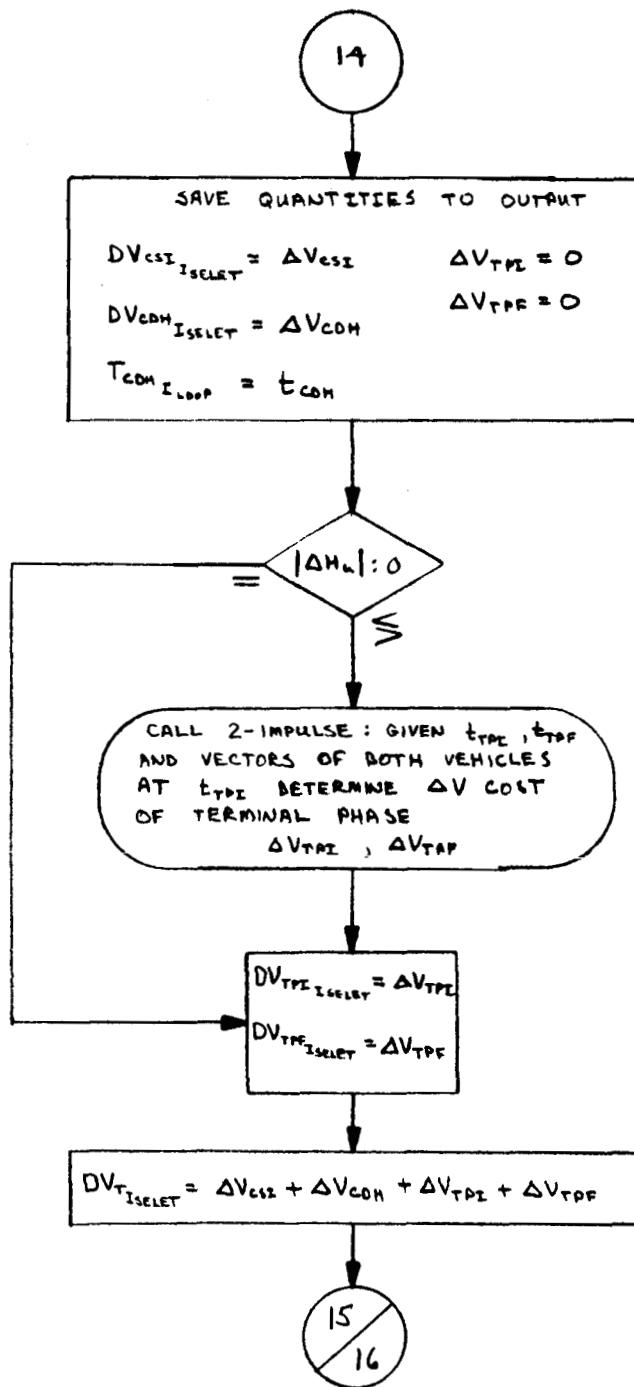


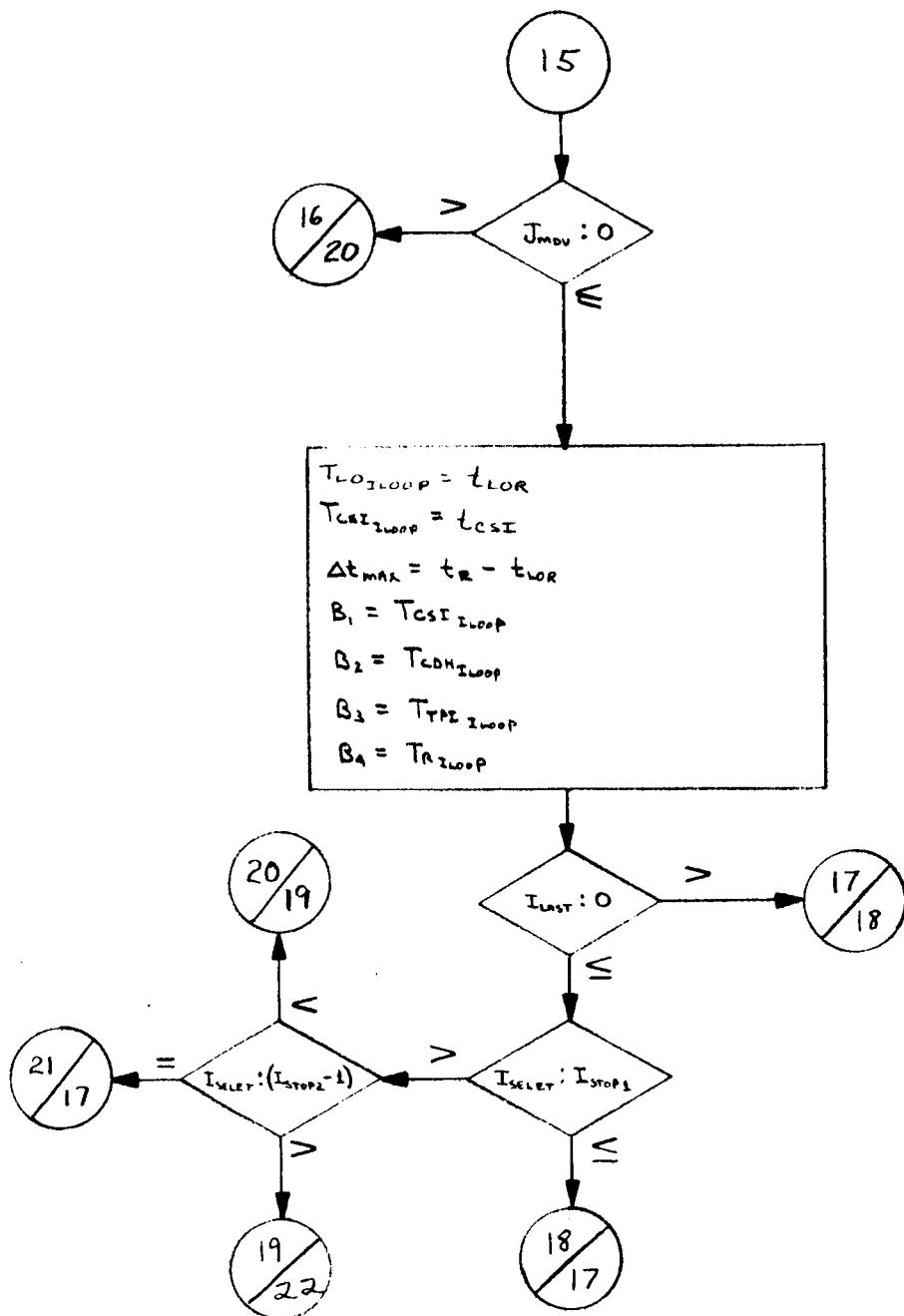
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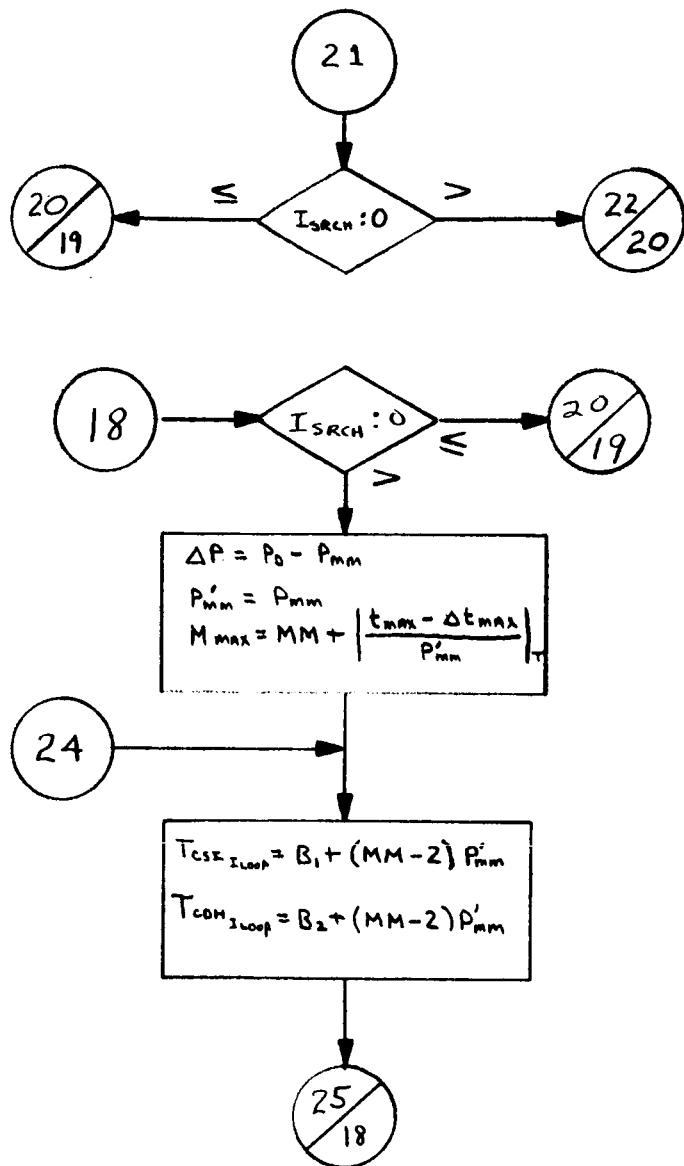


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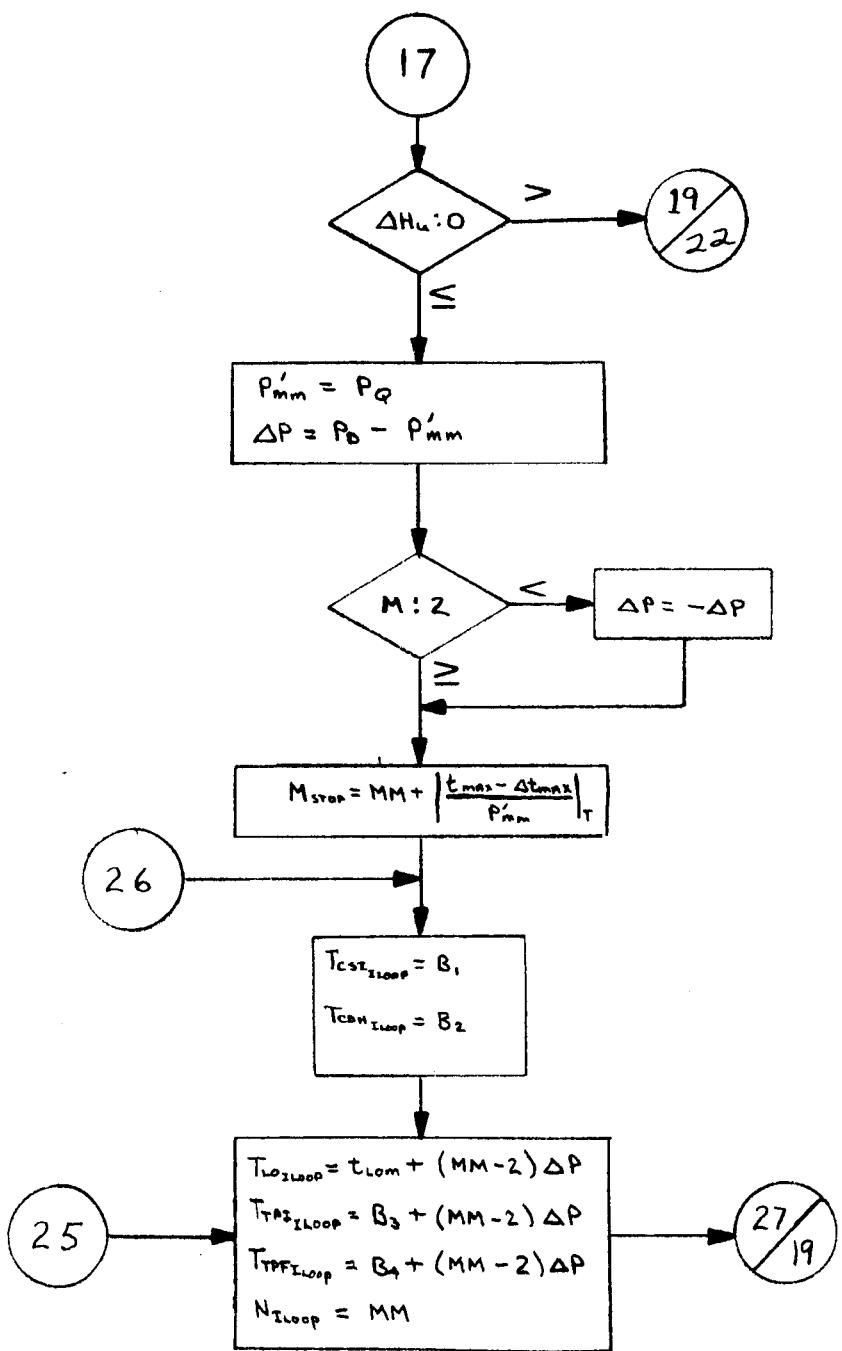




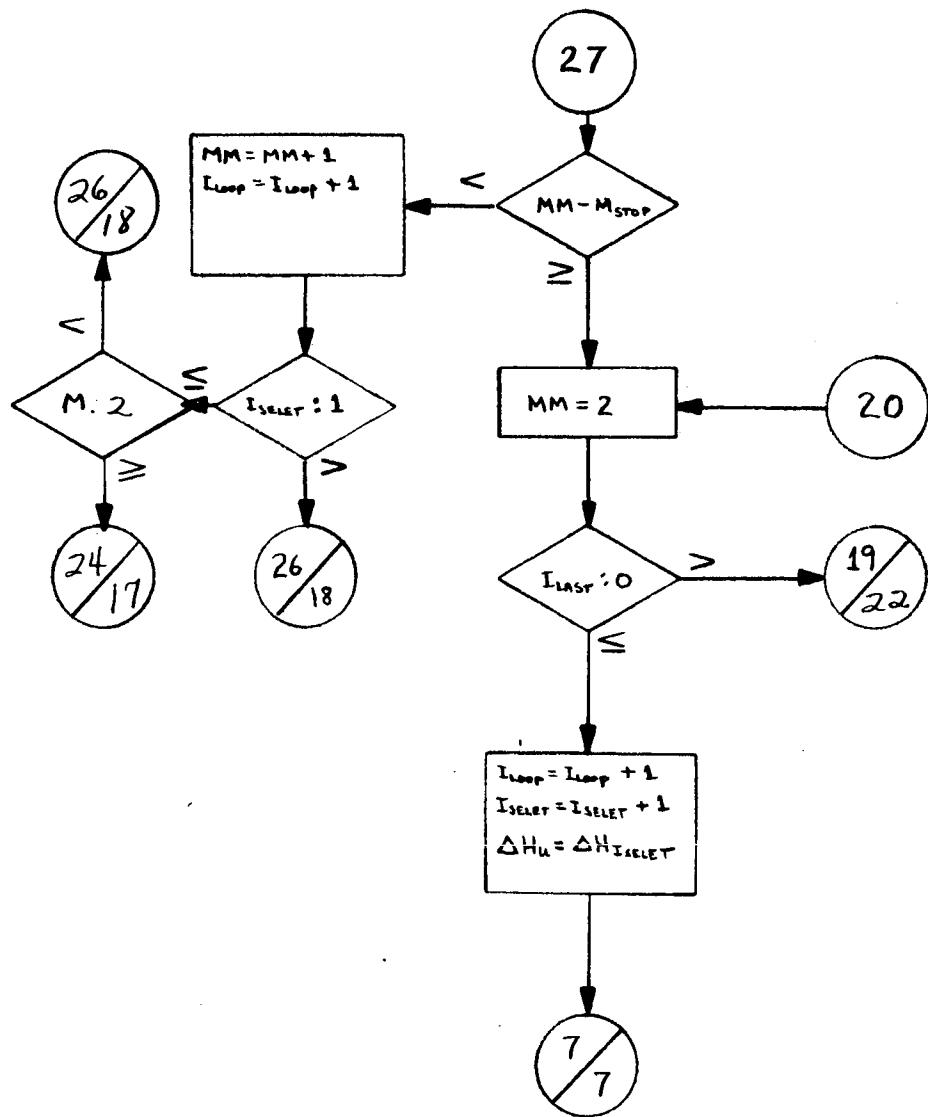
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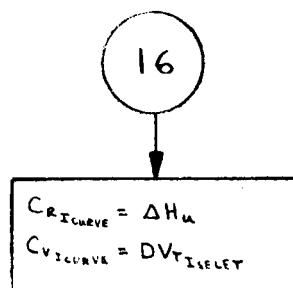
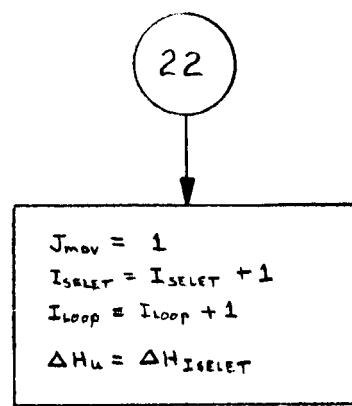
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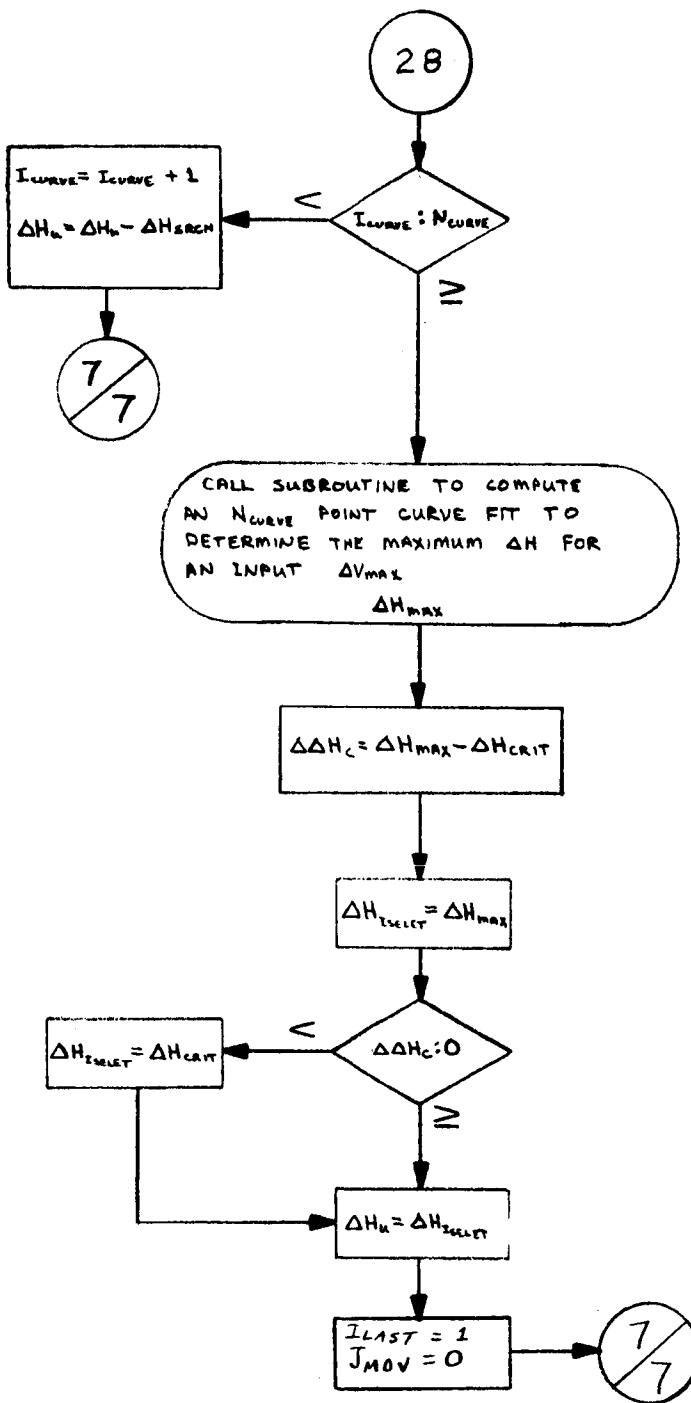
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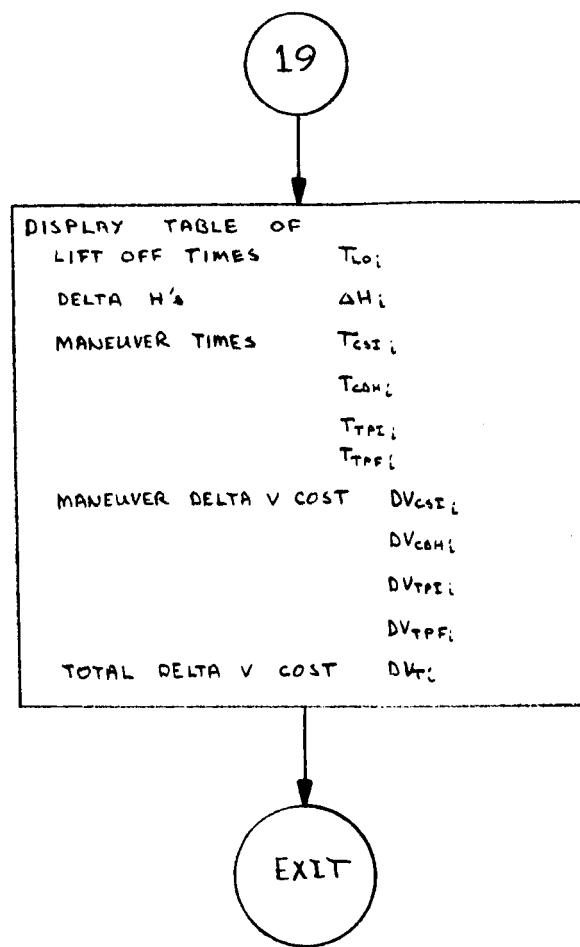


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SYMBOLS

Constant Input:

π	3,141592 . . .
μ	moon gravitational constant
δh	iteration tolerance on height

Variable Input:

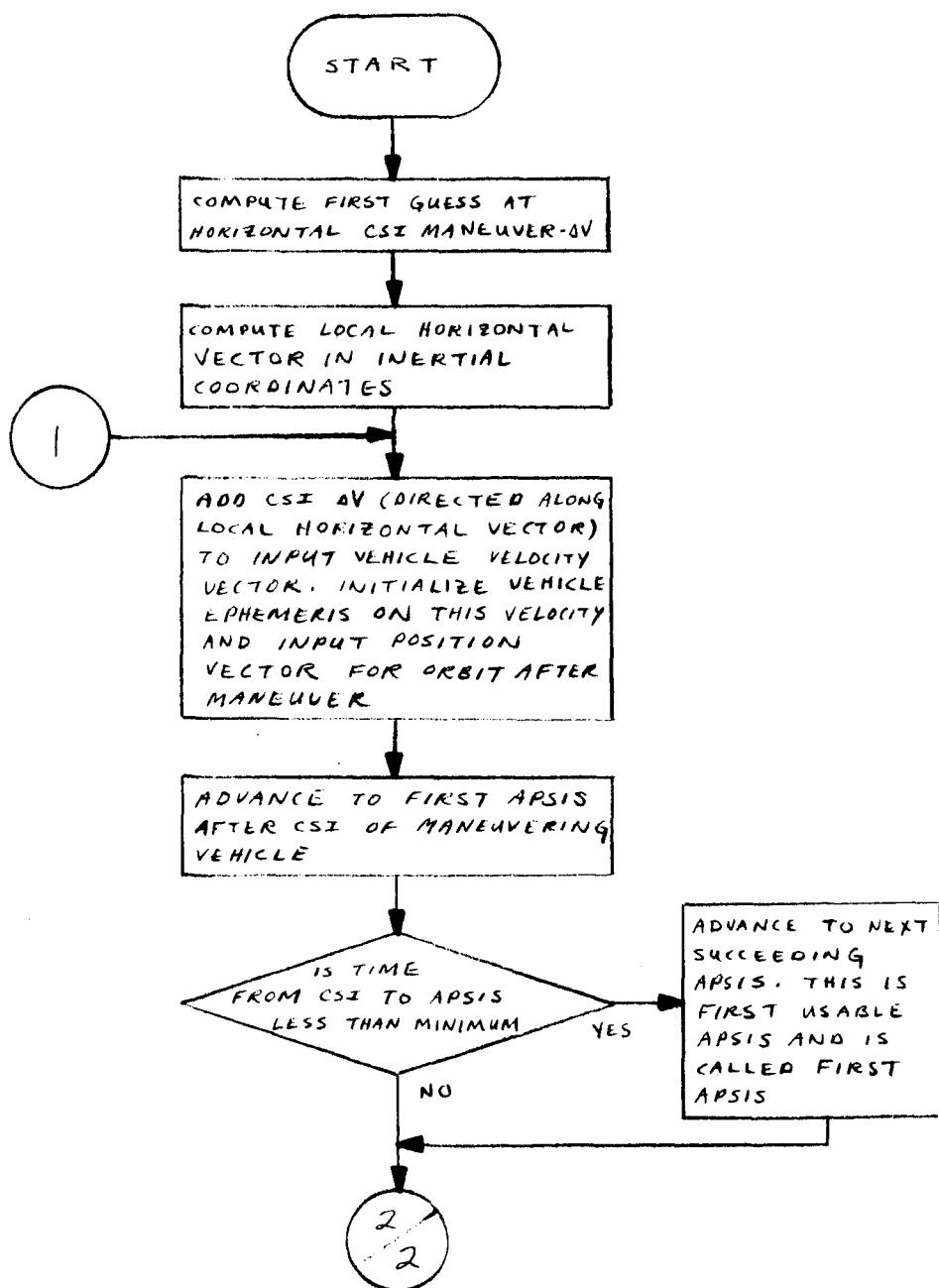
t	time of CSI
$LSAEG$	input for both vehicles at time t
M	number of maneuvering vehicle
	$M = 1$ - CSM is maneuvering vehicle
	$M = 2$ - IM is maneuvering vehicle
P	number of passive vehicle
	$P = 1$ - CSM is passive vehicle
	$P = 2$ - IM is passive vehicle

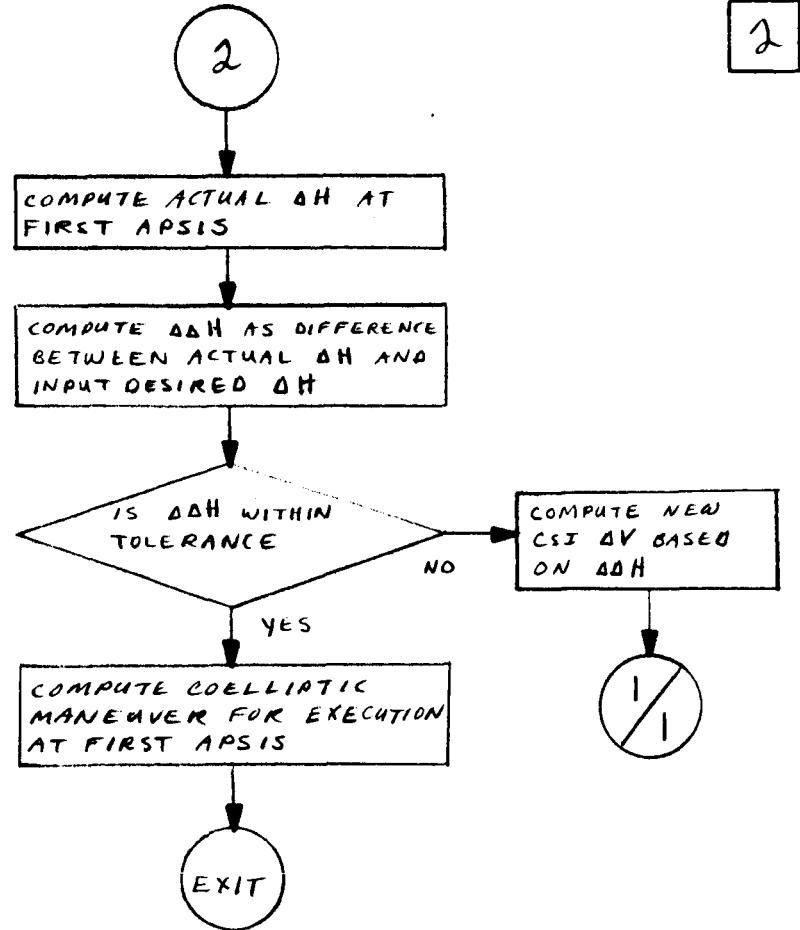
Output:

ΔV_{CSI}	CSI maneuver costs
ΔV_{CDH}	CDH maneuver costs
t_{CDH}	time of CDH maneuver

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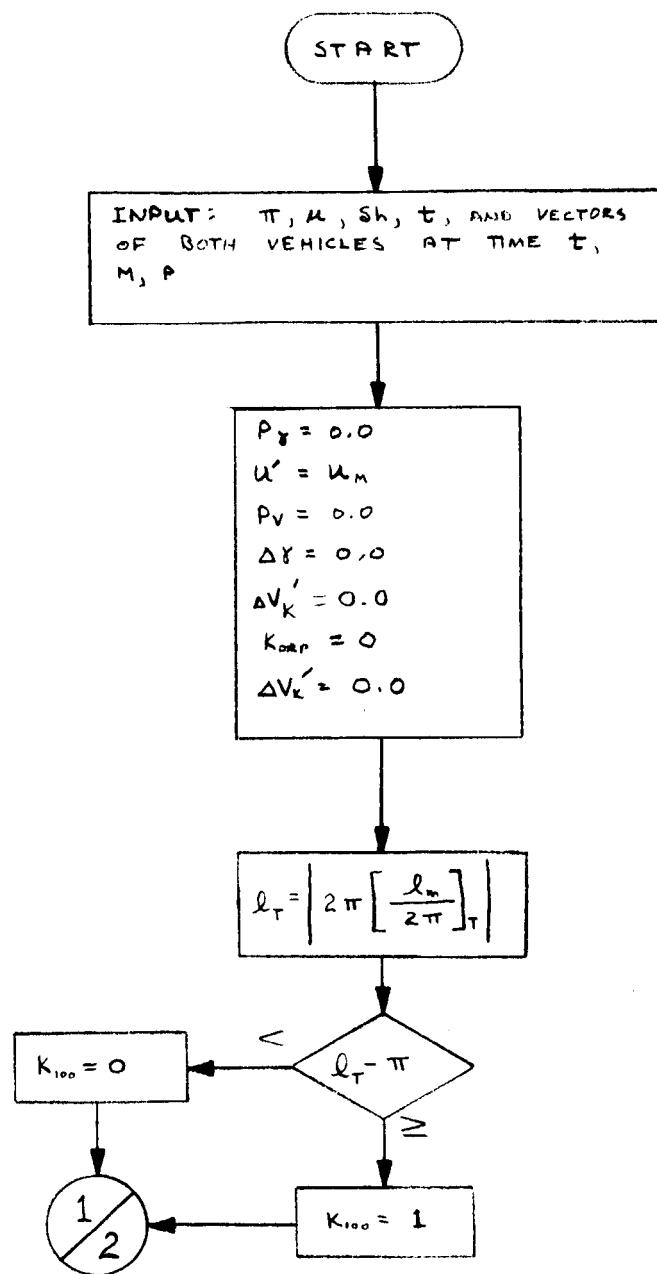
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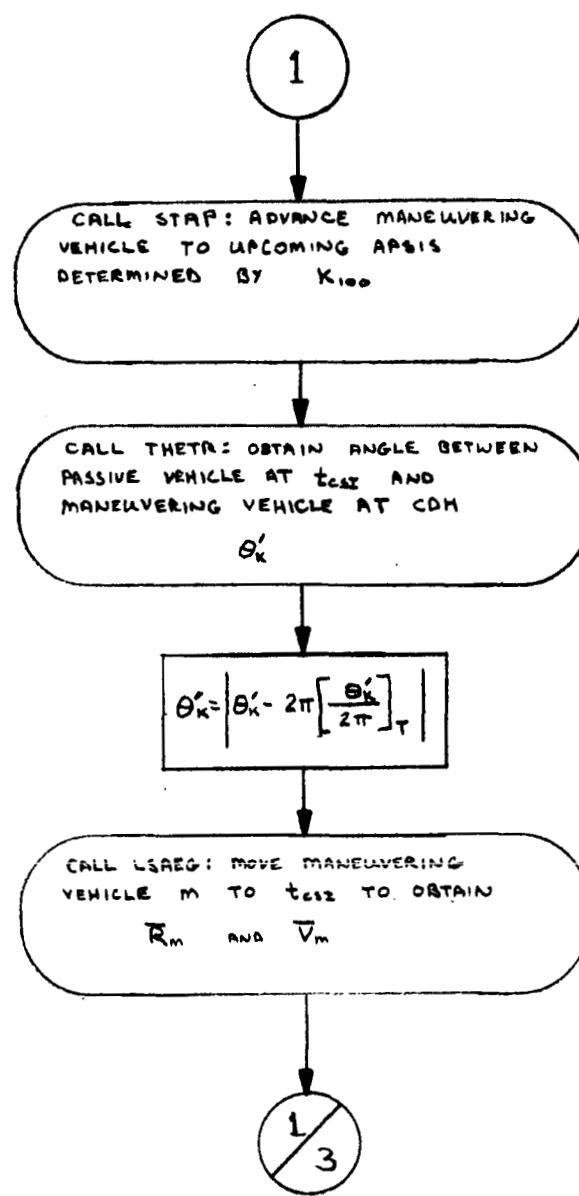


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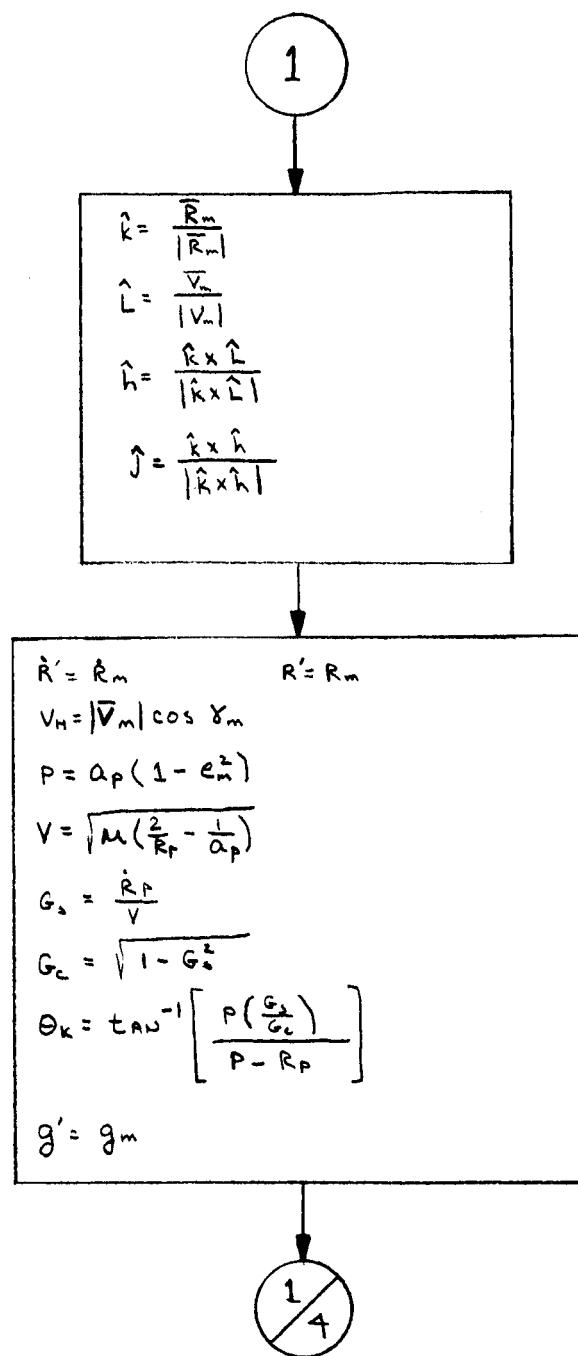
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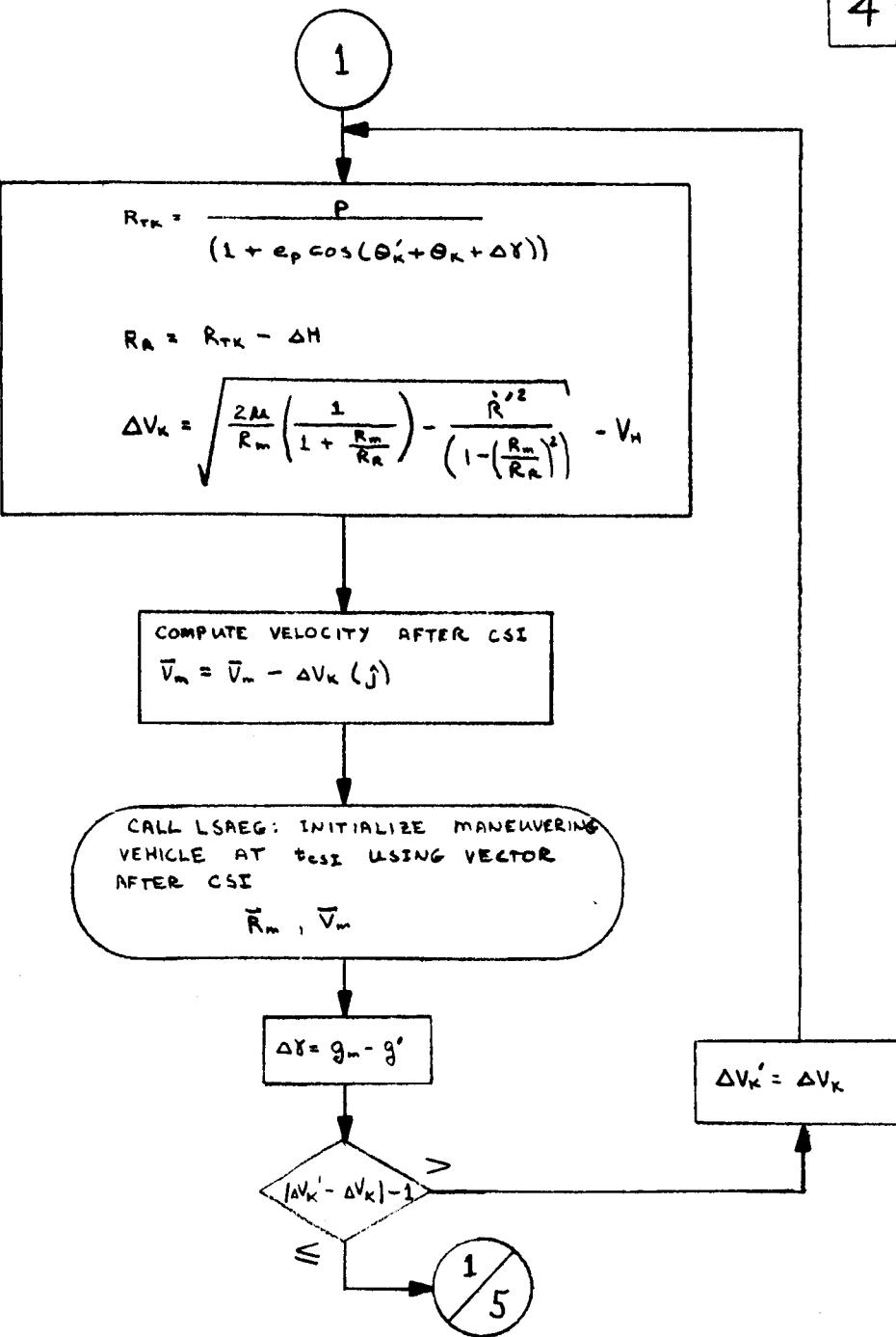
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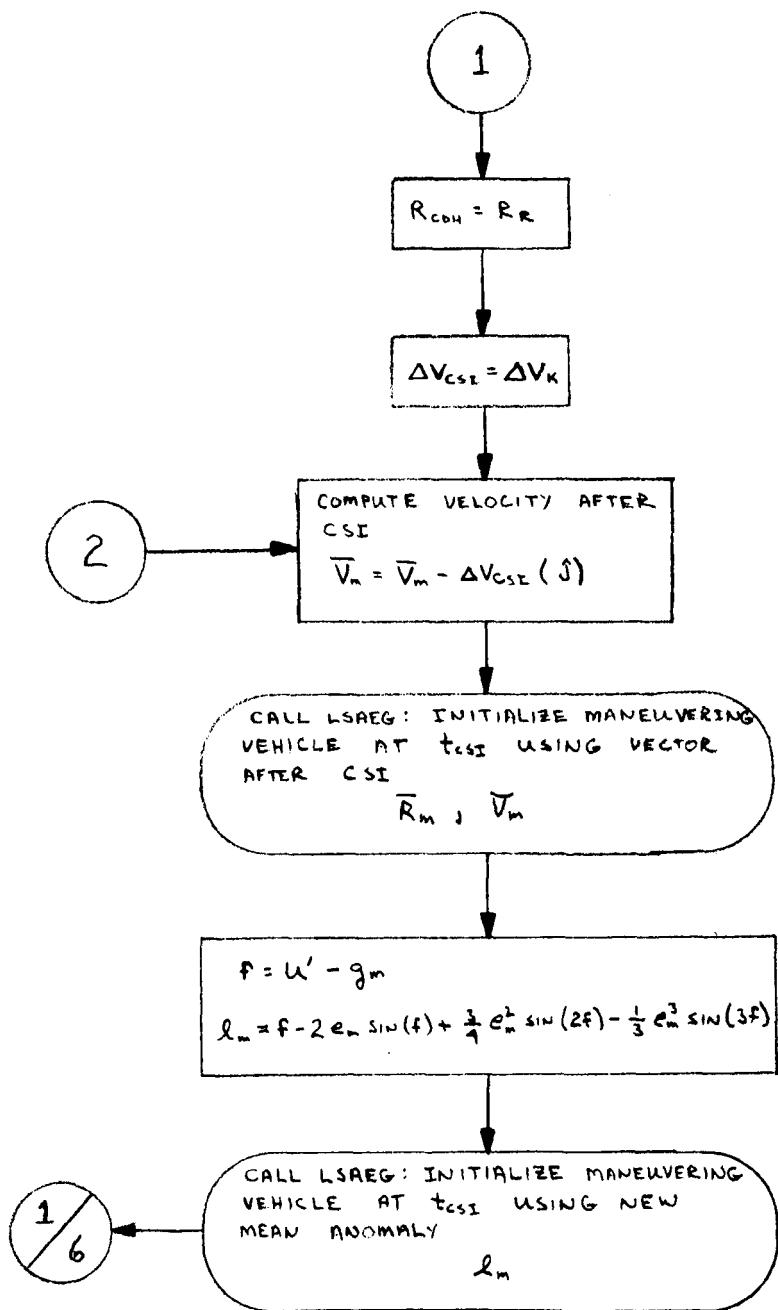


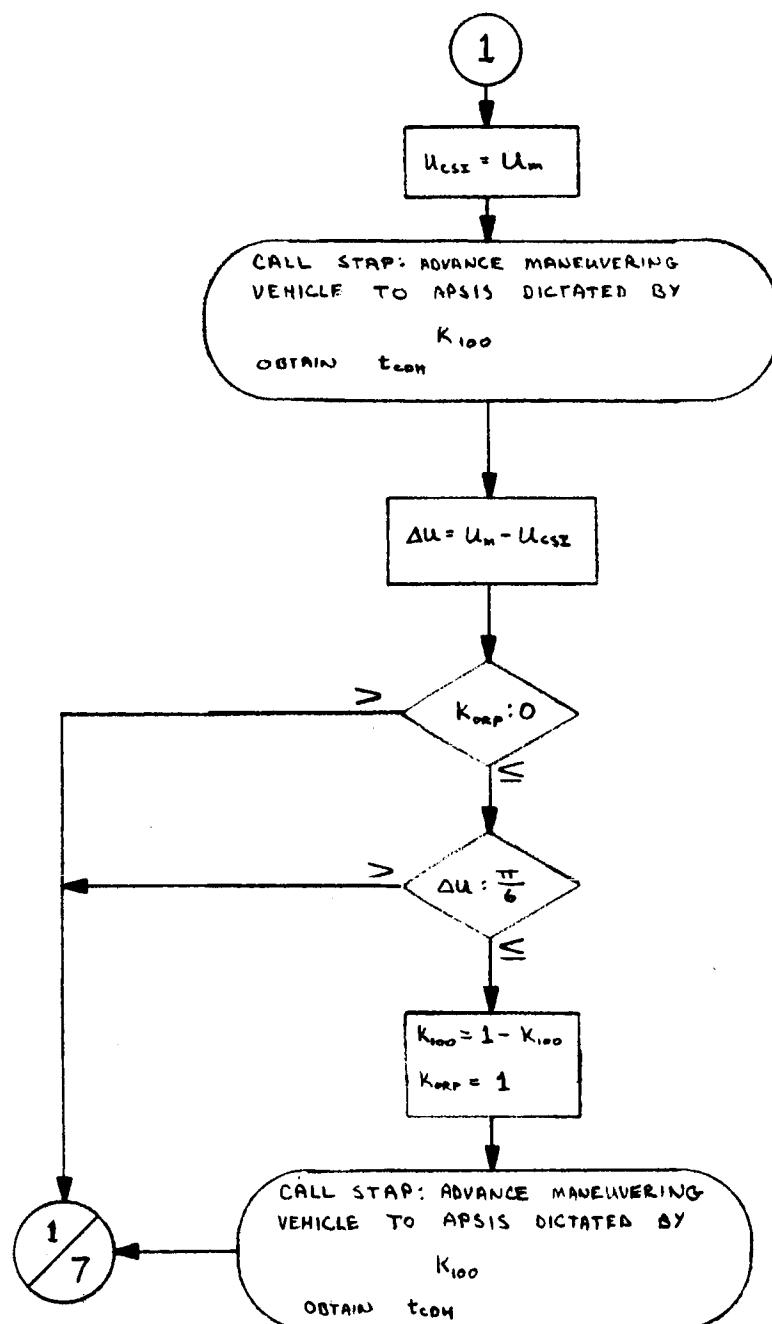
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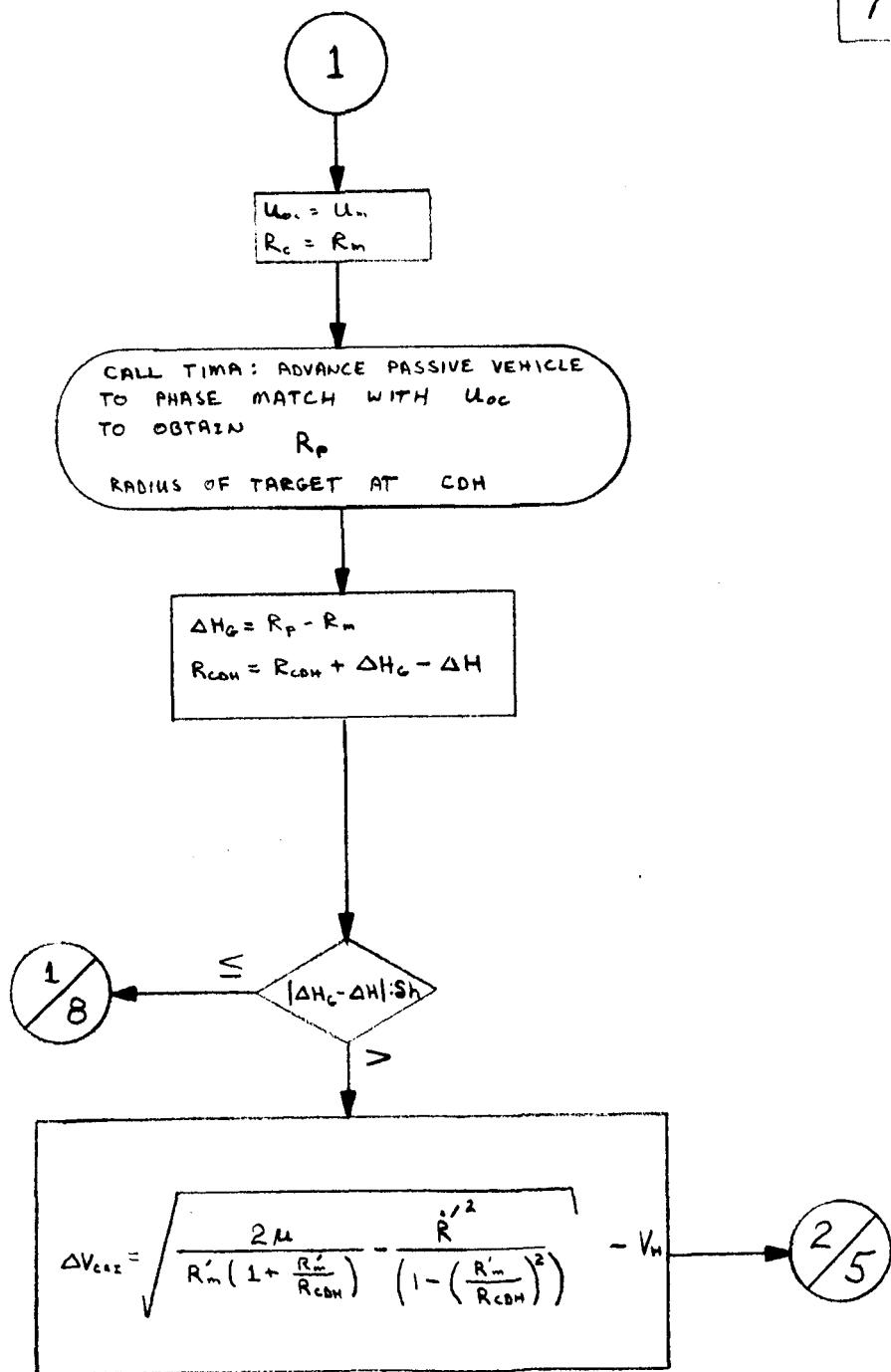


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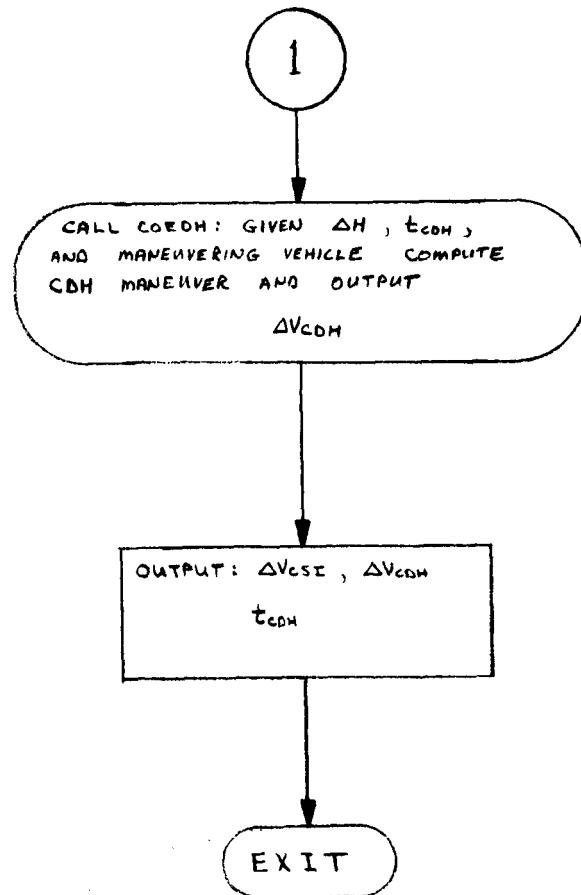








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SYMBOLS

Constant input:

 π 3.141592 . . . δt iteration tolerance on time

Variable input:

 I_S routing flag for lighting source
 $I_S = -1$ - for MSFN site $I_S = 0$ - for earth lighting $I_S = 1$ - for sun lighting t threshold time to begin search \bar{R}_S vector from MSFN site to moon at time t ϕ angle from moon-source line-of-centers
to entry or exit of darkness (to ACQ
or LOS for MSFN site) I_E routing flag $I_E = -1$ find entry (or LOS) $I_E = 1$ find exit (or ACQ) I_L loop flag $I_L = 0$ advance forward on Δt $I_L = 1$ advance forward on computed Δt I vehicle number

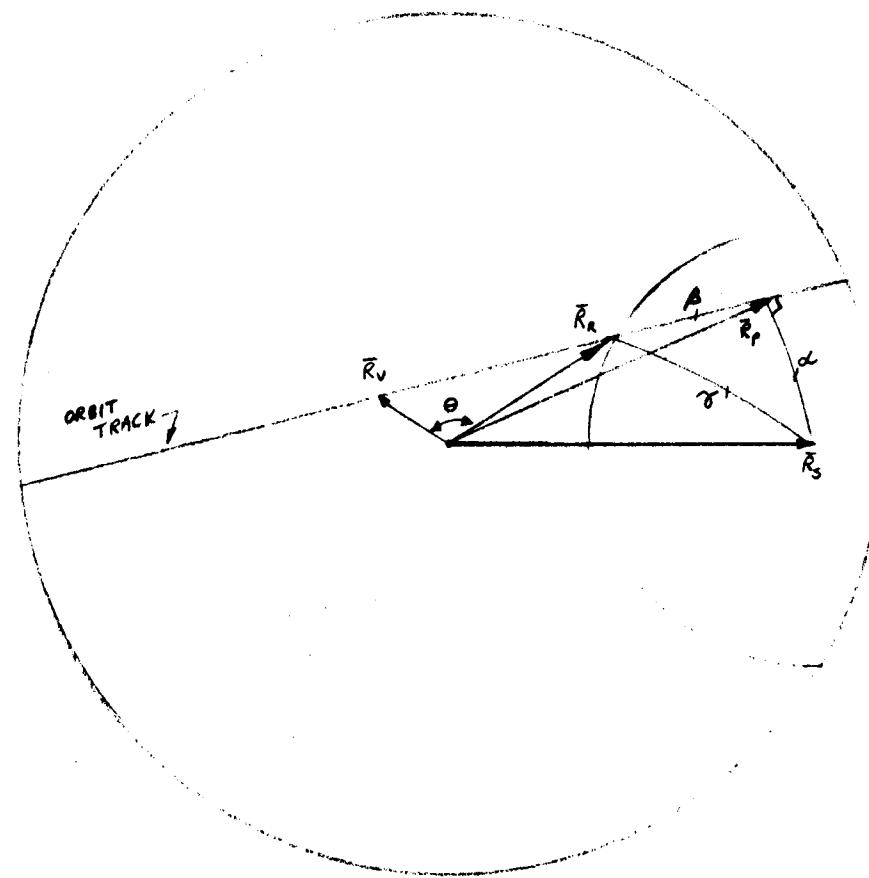
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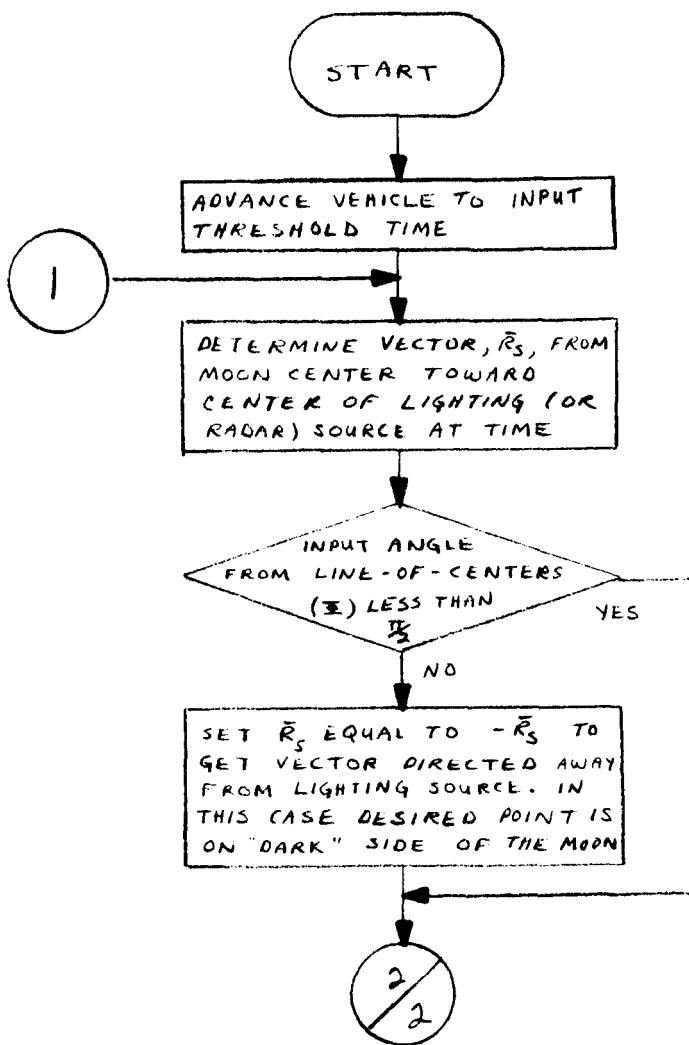
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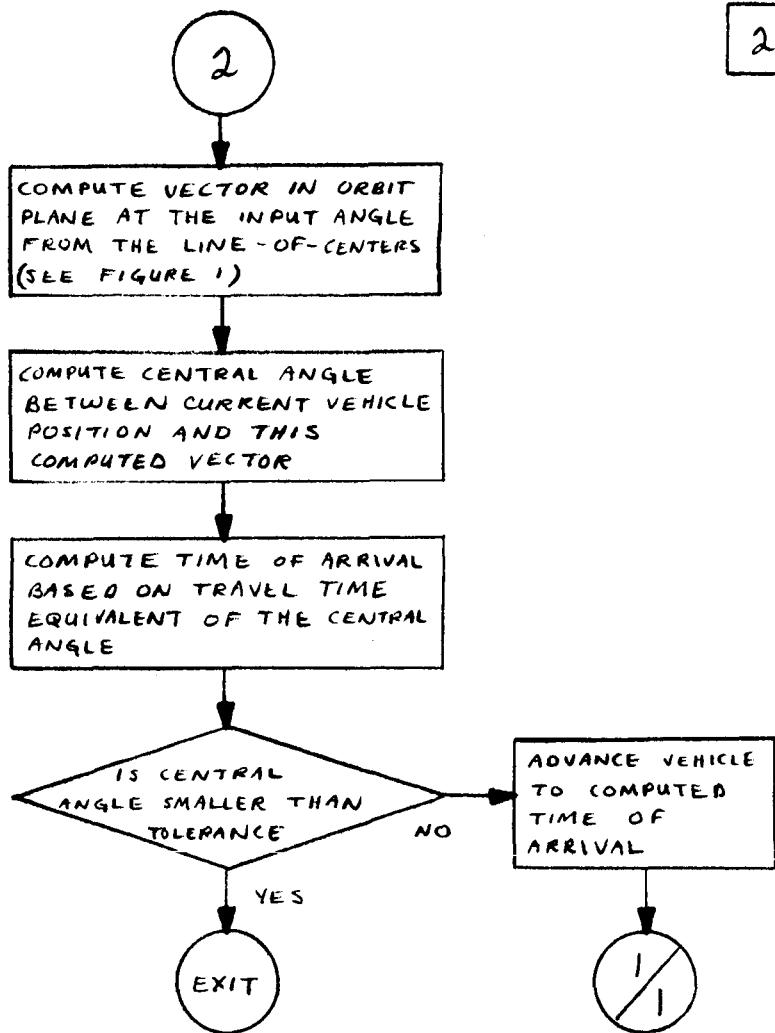
t_G guess time at alternate lighting conditions

FIGURE 1. ILLUSTRATION OF TILL COMPUTATIONS



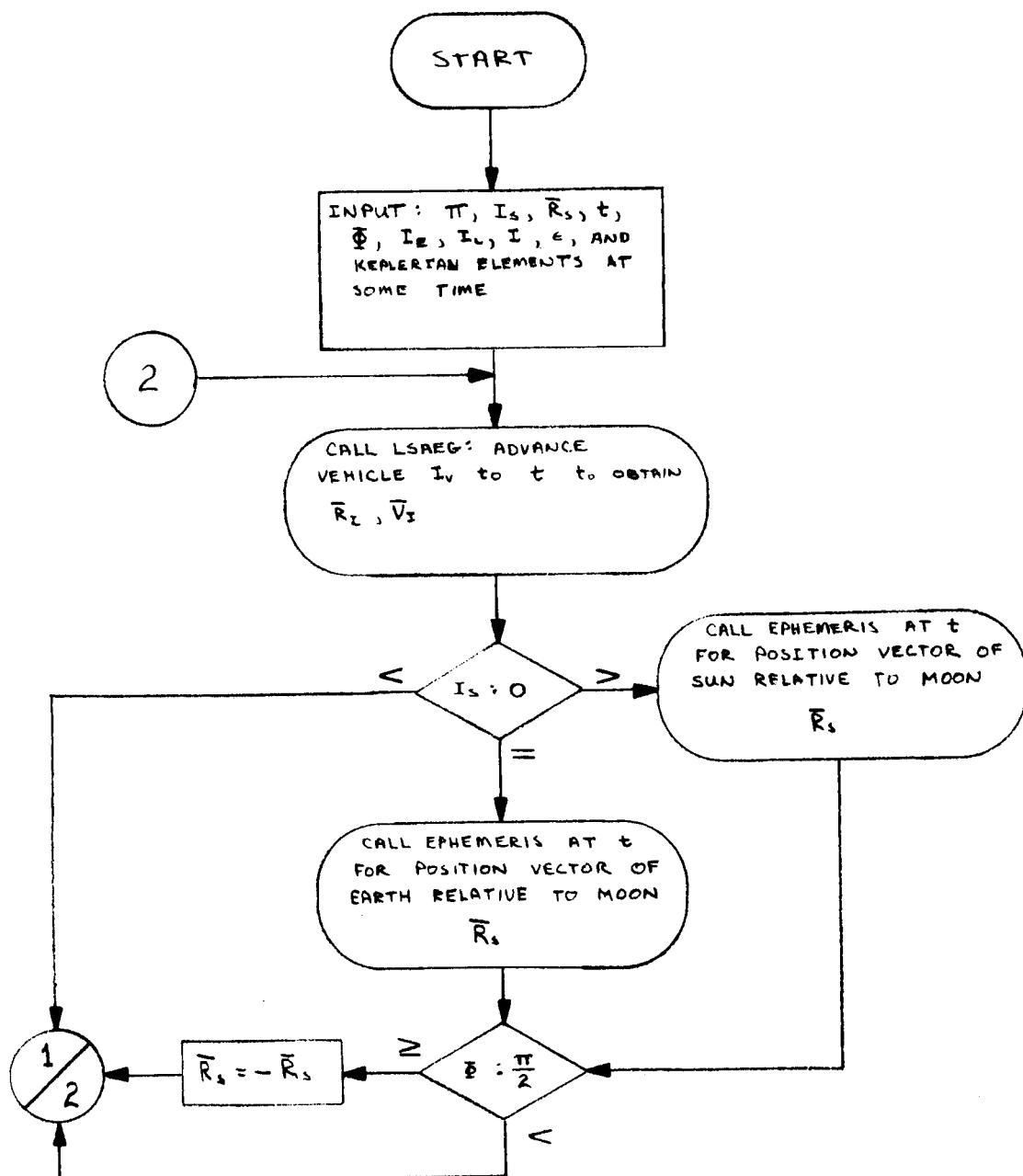
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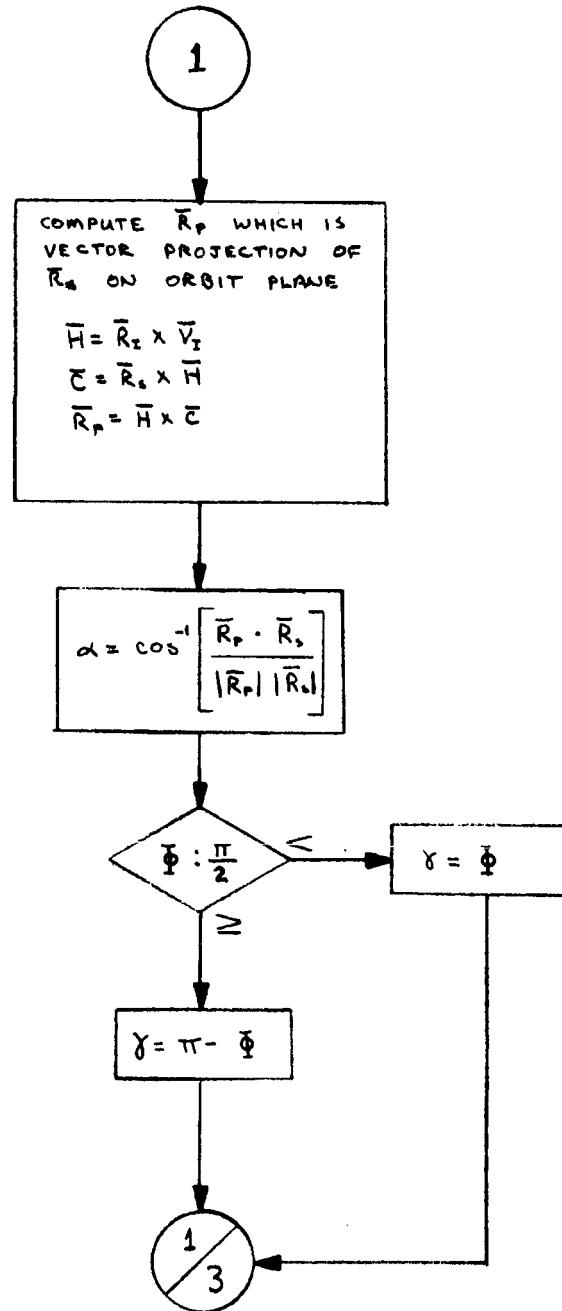


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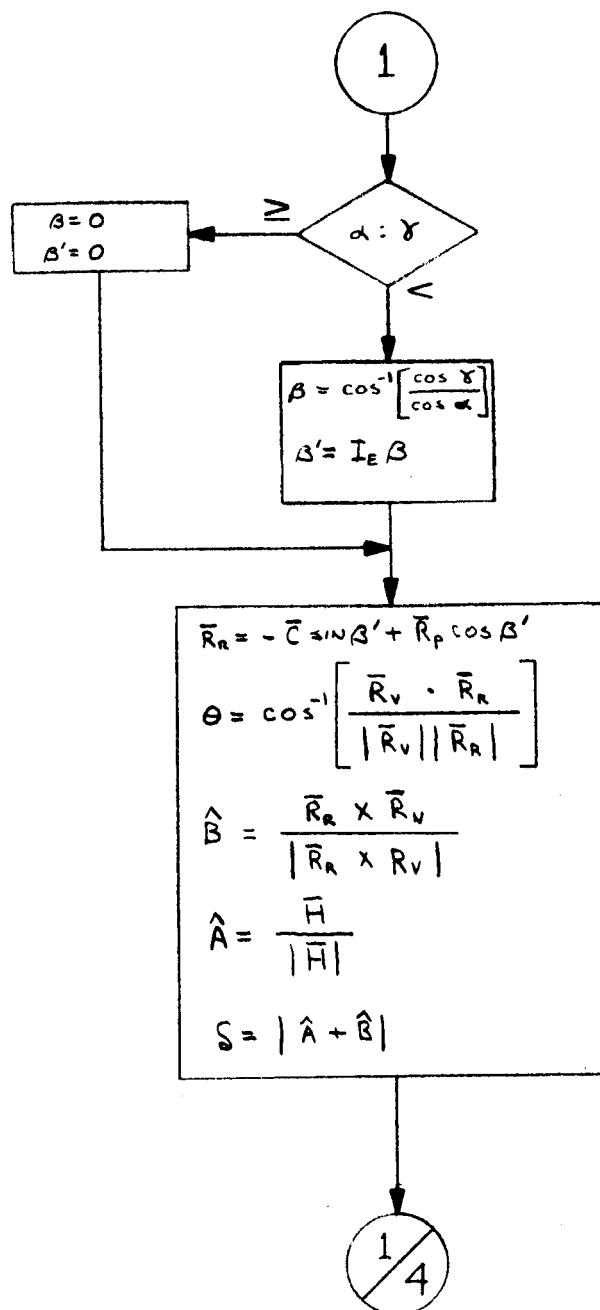
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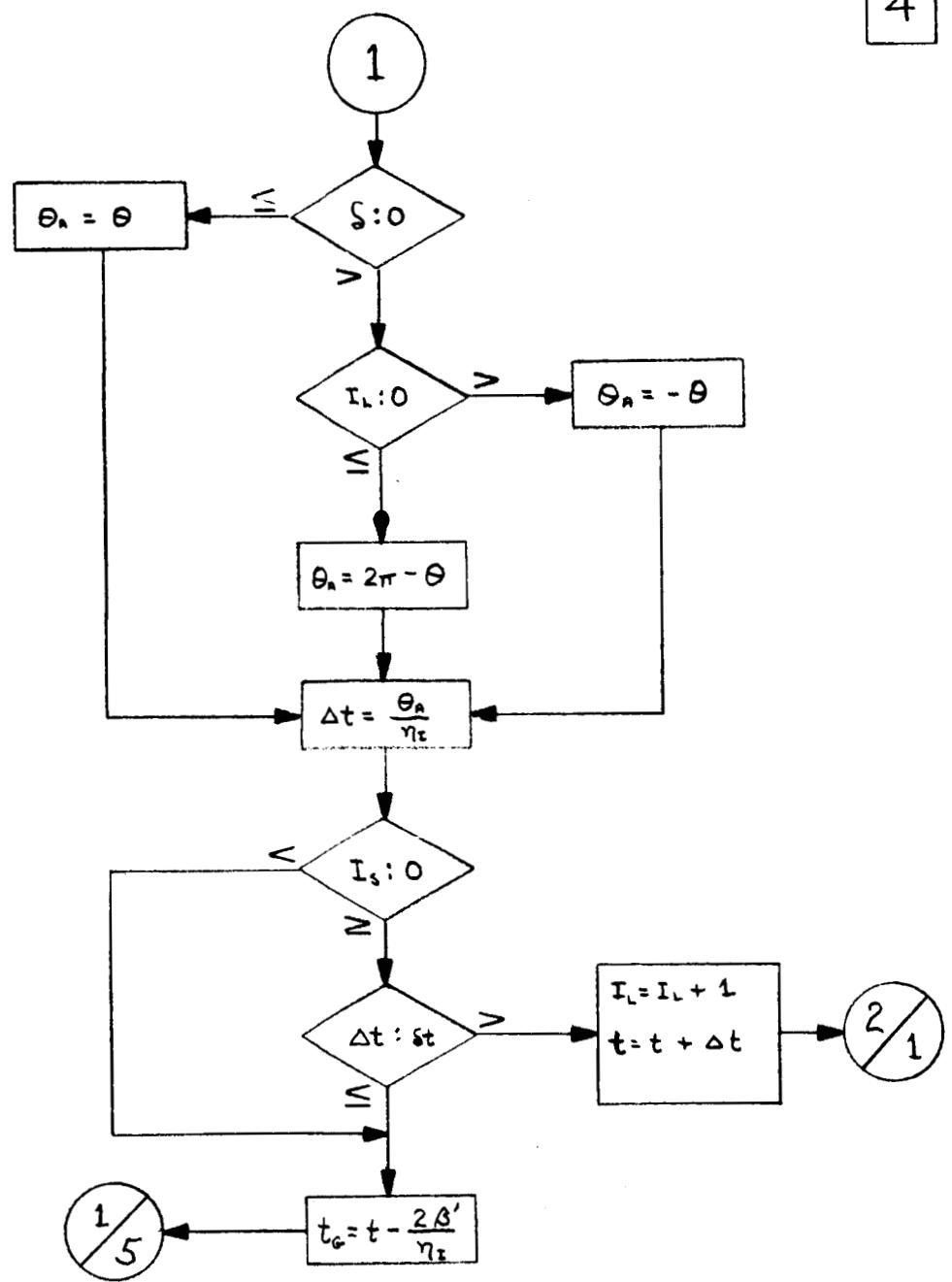
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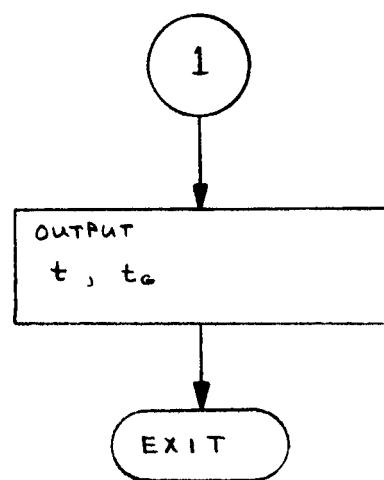


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APPENDIX D

LSAEG SYMBOL DEFINITION

SYMBOLS

i	vehicle number subscript
a, e, i, g, h, l	vector for vehicle in classical coordinates
$x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}$	vector for vehicle in rectangular coordinates
$V, \gamma, \psi, R, \lambda, \phi$	vector for vehicle in spherical coordinates
η	mean motion
$\dot{\gamma}$	rate of change of argument of perigee
$\dot{\lambda}$	rate of change of the longitude of ascending node
U	argument of latitude
\cdot	rate of change of vehicle radius
h''	mean longitude of ascending node
I''	mean inclination
P	vehicle orbital period

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